







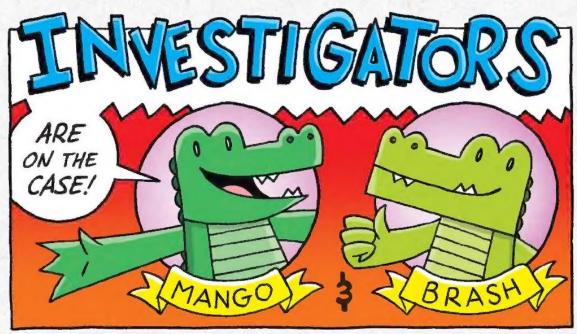


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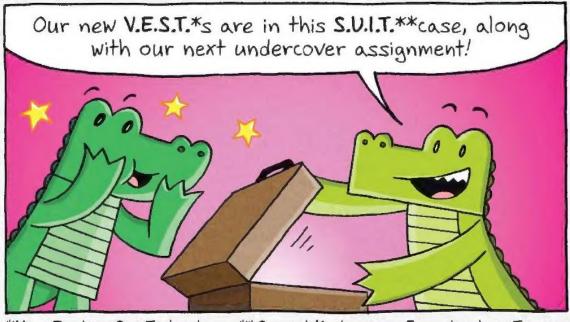








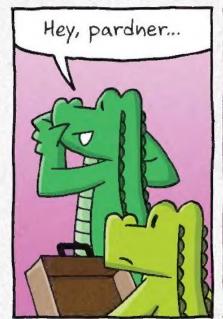




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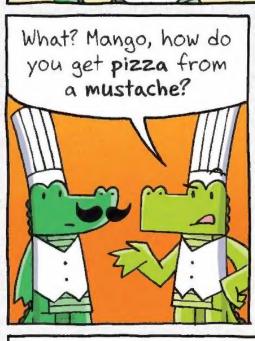




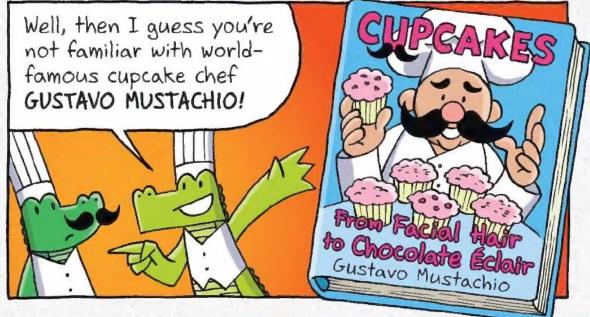














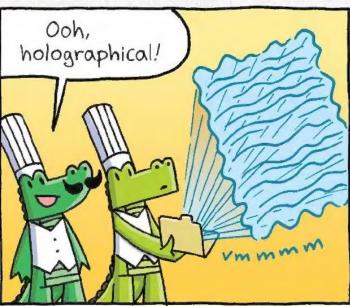


I was gonna say "thumb war," but okay, read the file, I guess.





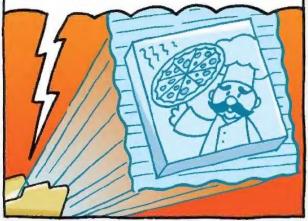








You might also recognize him from, like, every pizza box ever.



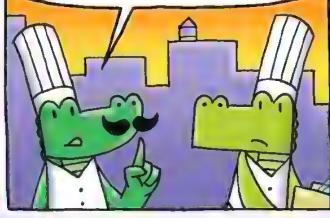


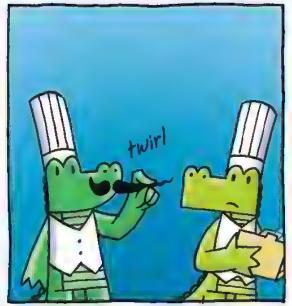






Or maybe some nefarious villain needs an expert baker and/or mustache model.









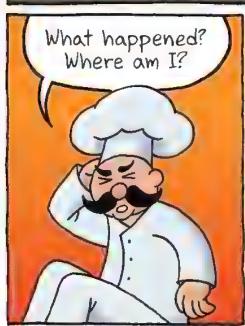




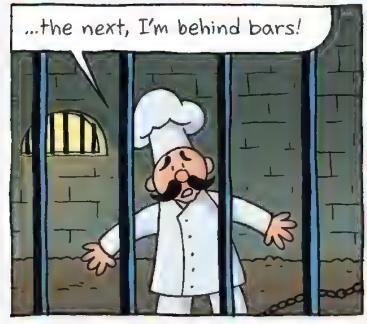


















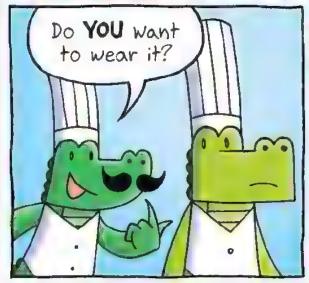


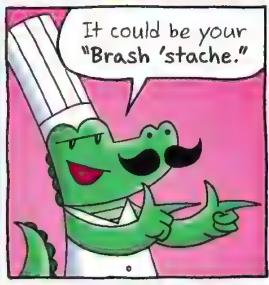


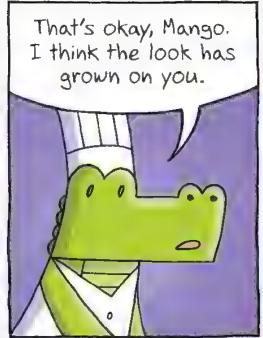
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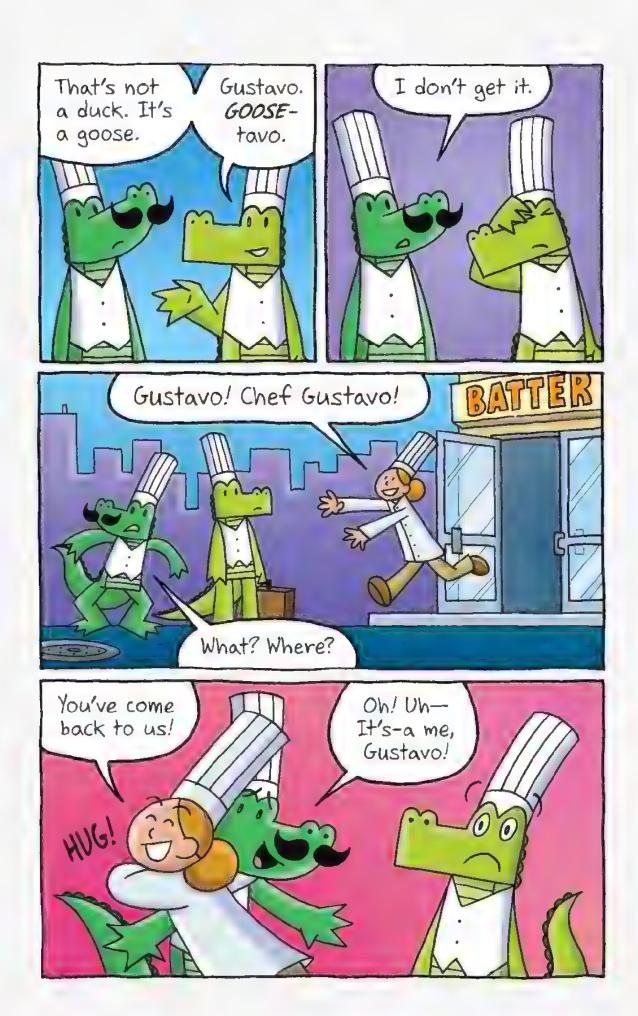






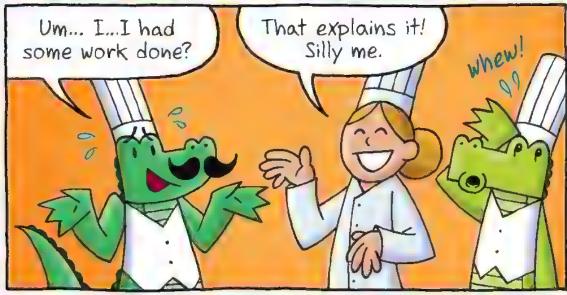






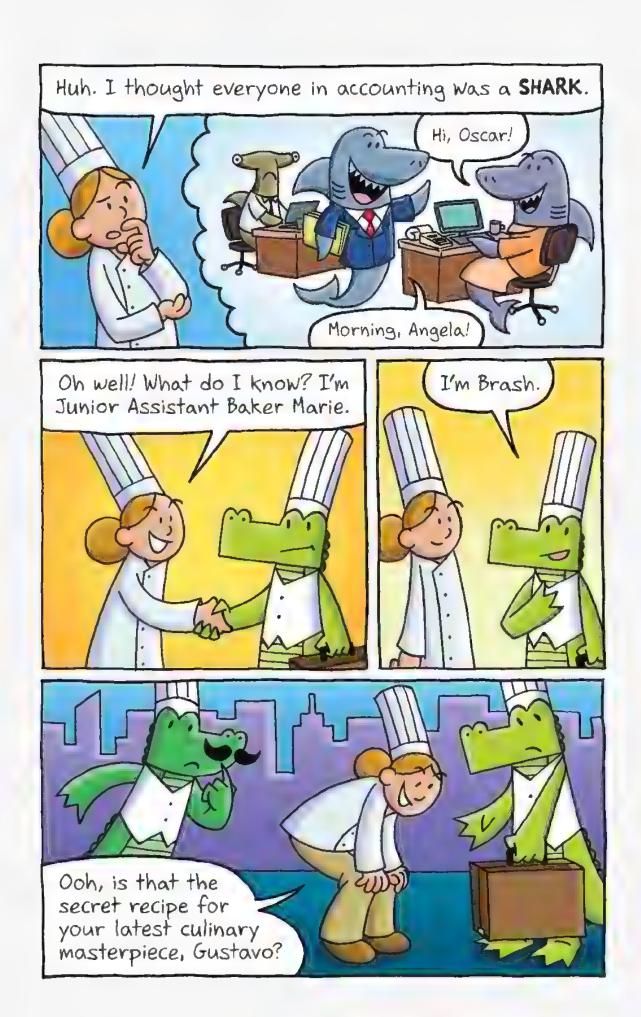




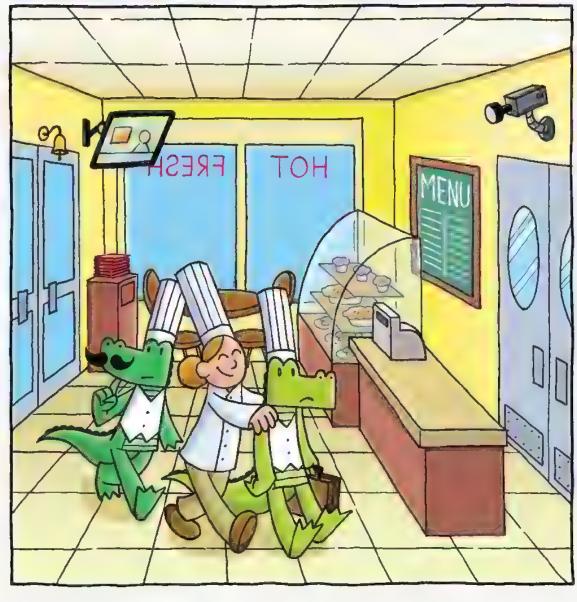






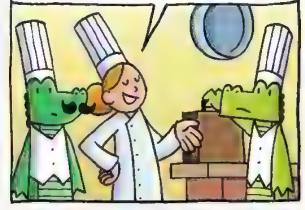






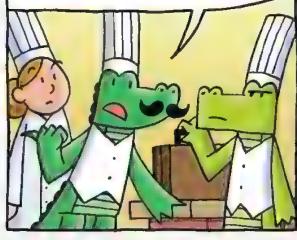


And now, if you'll get out the recipe, I can assemble the ingredients with the chef's permission.





You heard Junior Assistant Baker Marie. Hand over the recipe!

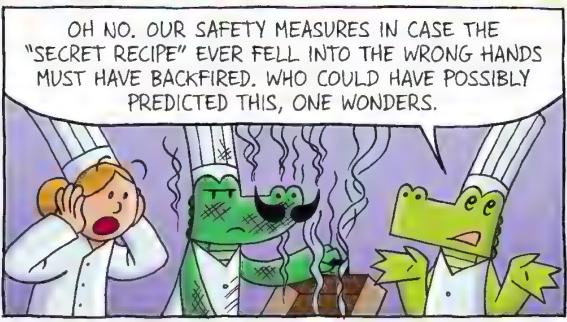




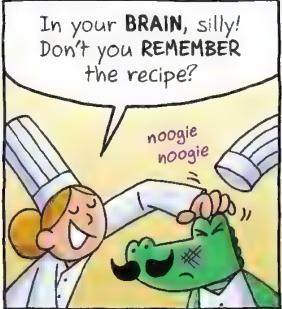




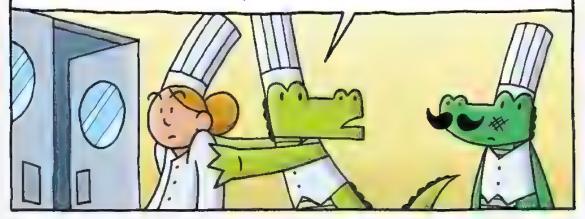




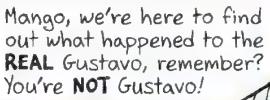




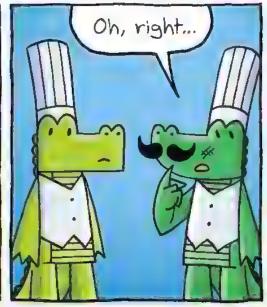
Yes! How right you are, Junior Assistant Baker Marie. Now, leave Chef Gustavo alone so the maestro can find his muse. I'll stay here for, um...legal purposes.



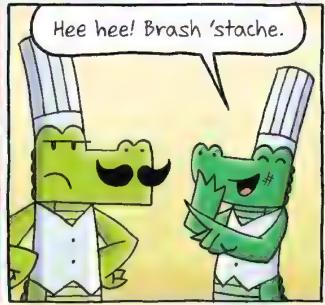
What are you doing? If I'm gonna remember this recipe, I'm gonna need my assistant!

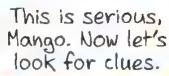


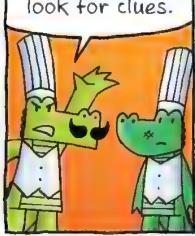


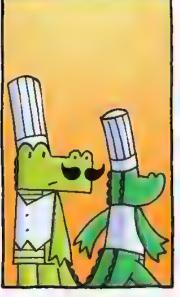




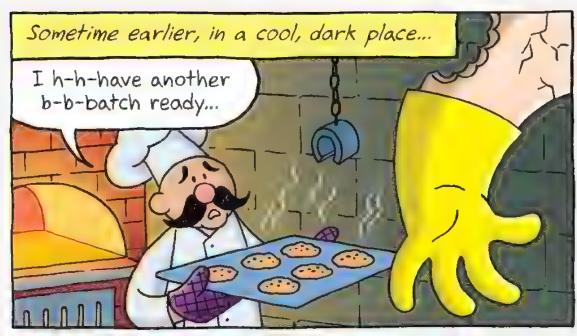










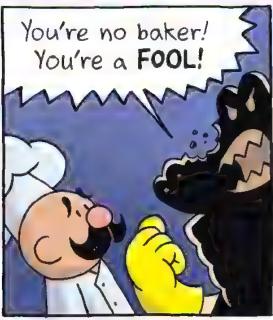


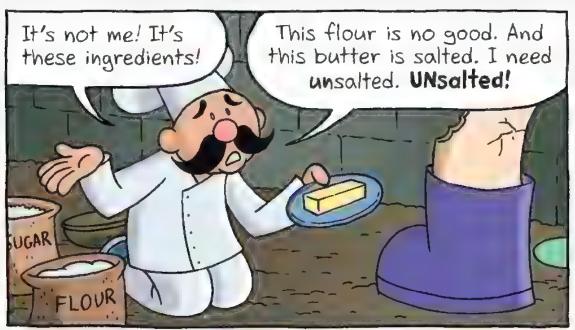


















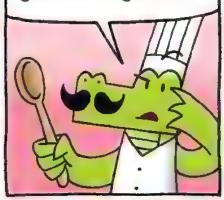
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Ya know, I bet Junior Assistant Baker Marie is in on it. It's always an inside job!

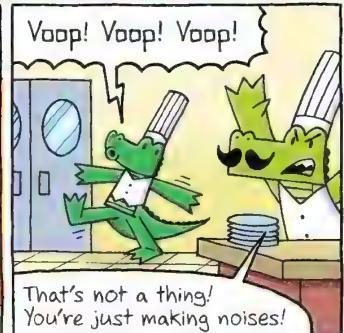


Maybe. You'd better go interrogate her.



Right! INTERRO-GATOR MODE ON!

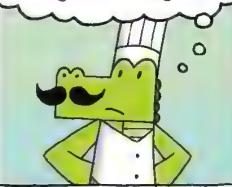




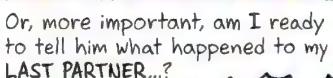




But I guess he's an okay partner. I just don't want anyone to get hurt again.



Is he ready to hear what happened the last time I went undercover at a bakery?

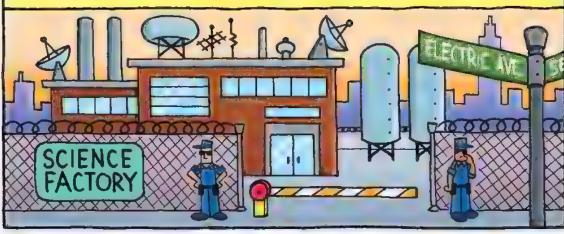


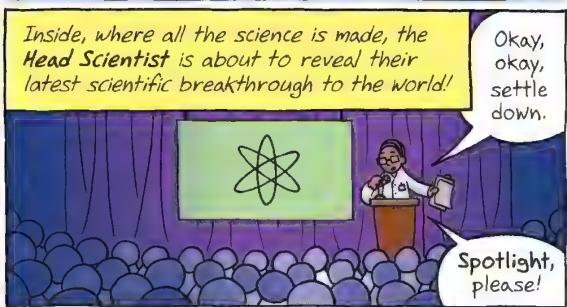


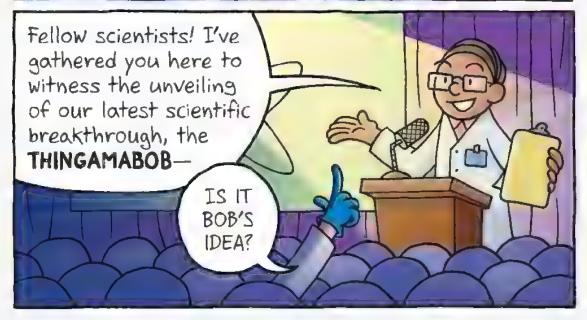


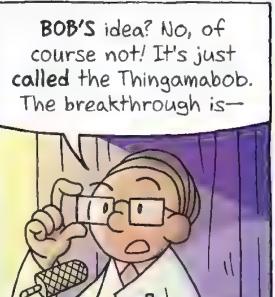


Meanwhile, across town, something totally unrelated is going down at the Science Factory!

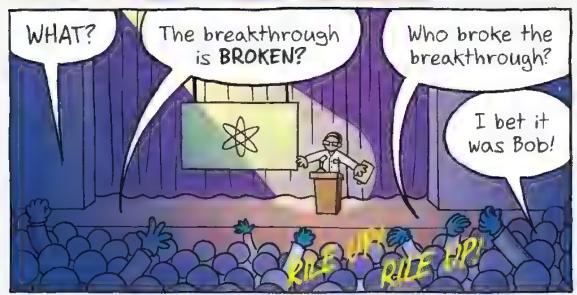






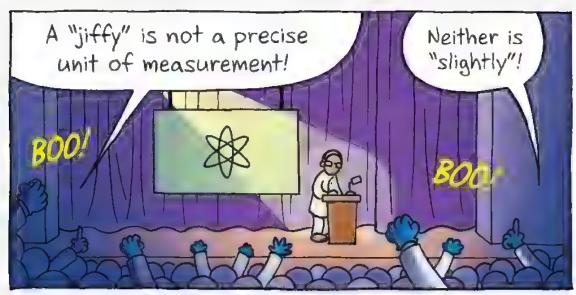












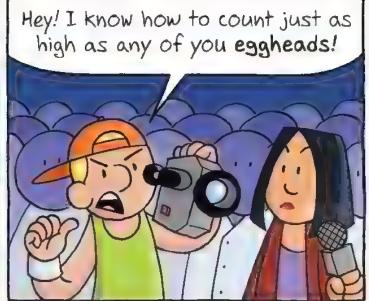


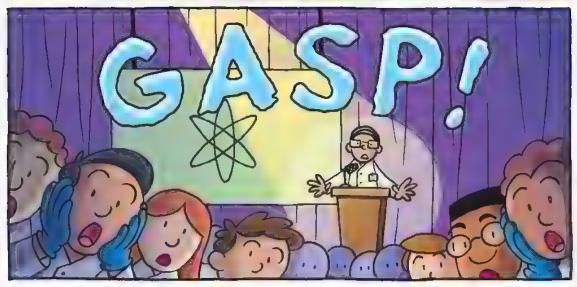


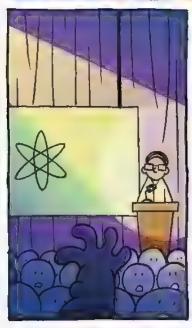


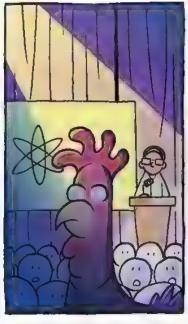


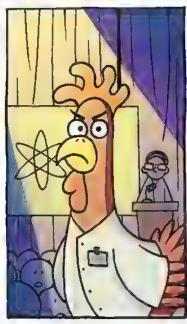




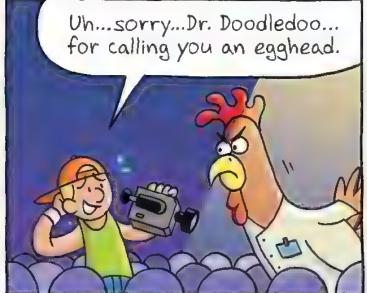














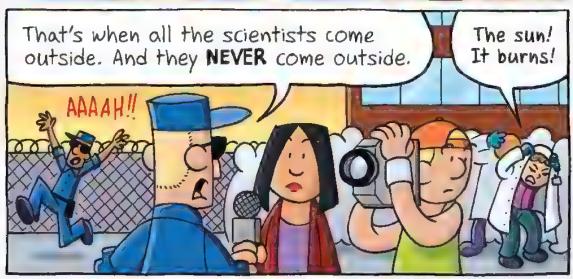
Now, then! While the breakthrough gets unbroken, what say we move the festivities outside?













Wow! This breakthrough is even more newsworthy than I thought. We should call in the chopper!



You heard it here first, viewers! A Code Sunburn has emptied the Science Factory...



...and a valuable Thingamabob sits unguarded inside, just waiting to be revealed!





Chapter 4





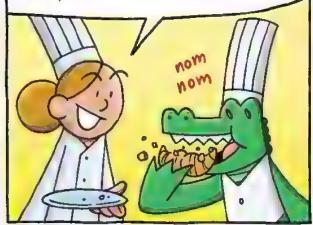


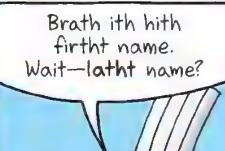






Don't you wish you could come up with such amazing recipes, Mister Brash?































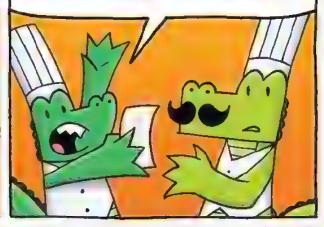




Well...no. She's either a criminal mastermind or completely clueless.



But whichever she is, we've got to bake this special order or our cover is blown!

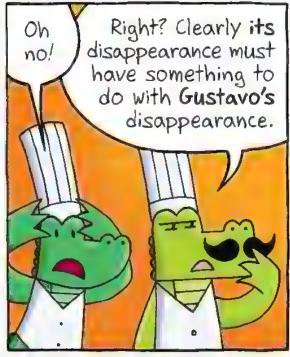




This cake requires a BIG oven, and I just discovered a BIG clue...







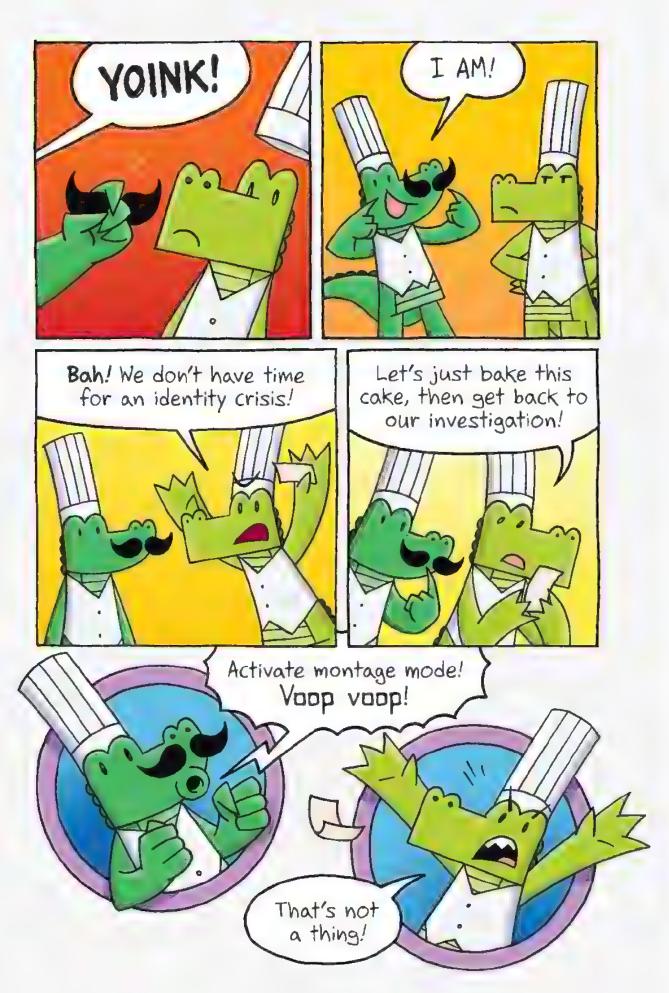






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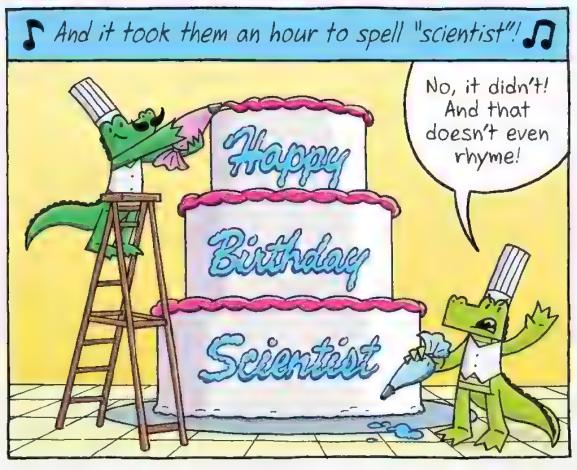




















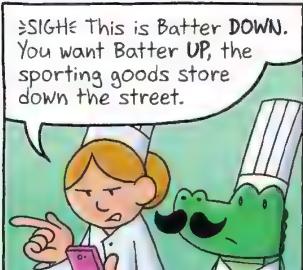








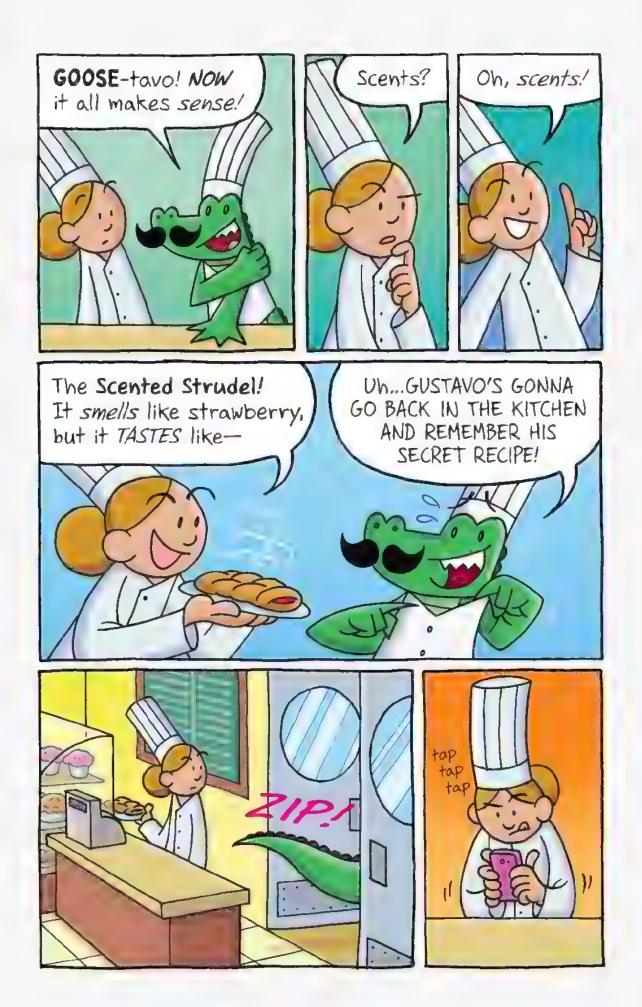












Chapter 5

Cici Boringstories here, reporting outside the Science Factory. With me is SCIENTIST BOB. Tell us, Bob, what's this scientific breakthrough you're cooking up inside?



Ha ha! I won't tell you what I'M cookin', Susan, but I will tell you it'll blow this breakthrough—







Well, that wasn't informative at all. Sooooooo let's check in with the Action News Now helicopter in the sky!









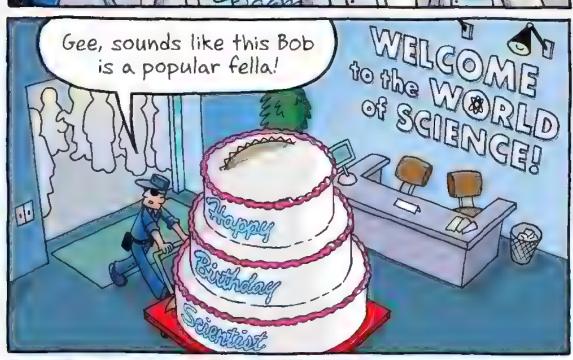












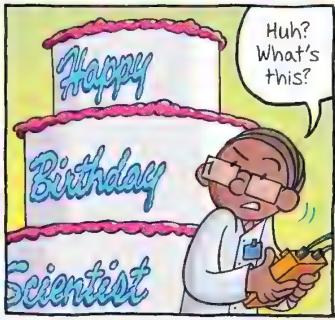


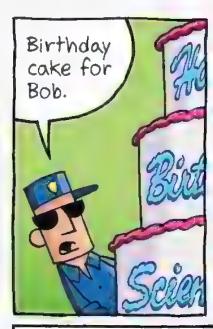


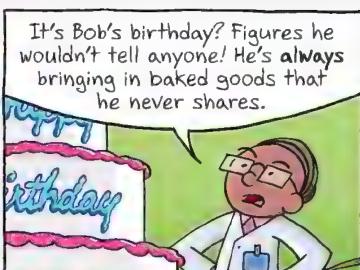












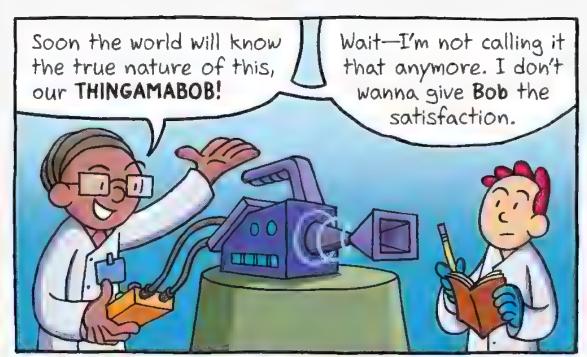
Look at the size of that thing! I bet he's trying to steal the spotlight from today's scientific breakthrough!

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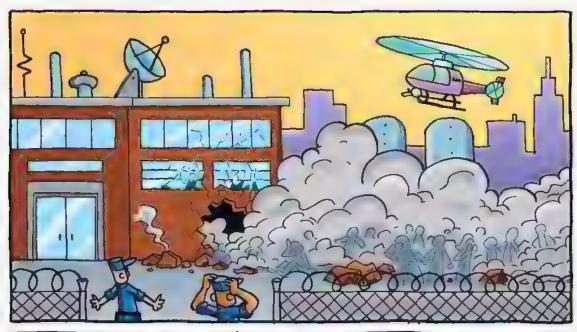










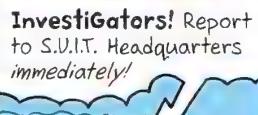




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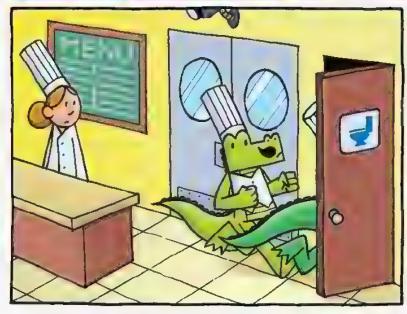
























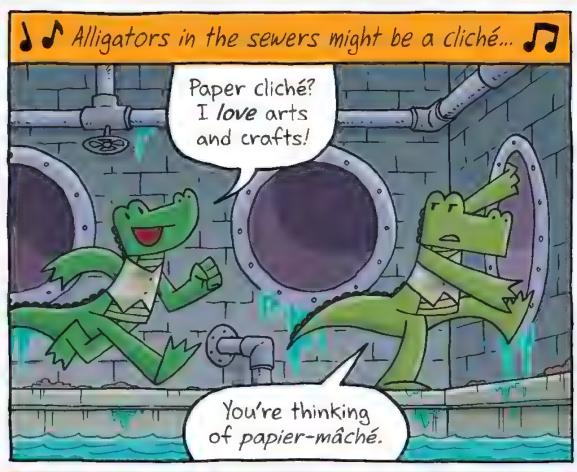






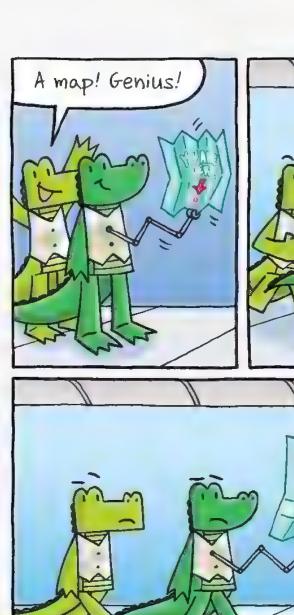


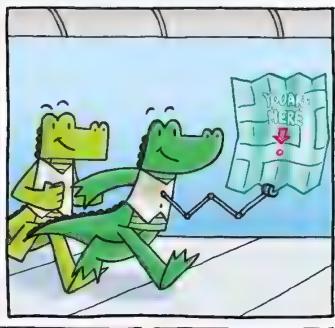


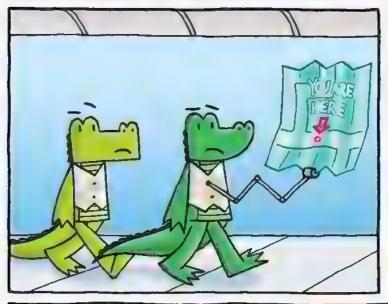














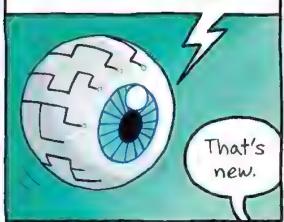




Greetings, InvestiGators.

I am C-ORB. Computerized

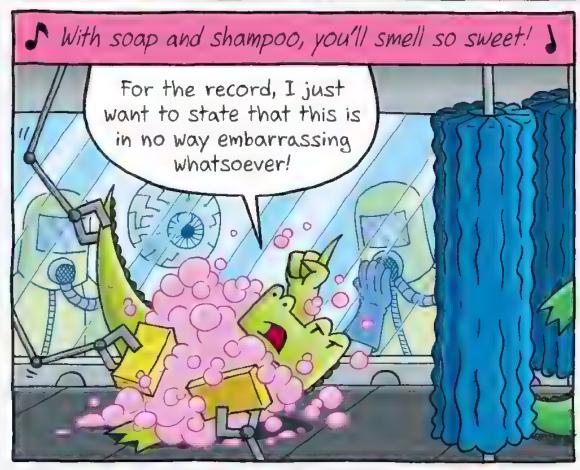
Ocular Remote Butler.









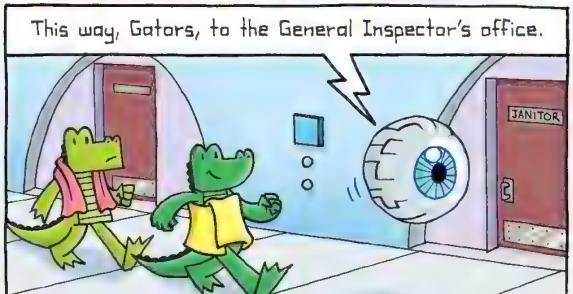






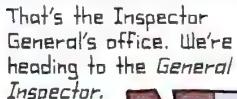
















Inspector Vague.
Inspector General.
Next should be
Inspector Specifi—





Inspector Pacific handles
West Coast operations.







NO! Don't go in there! Not unless you want to catch an infectious disease!









Investigators! Thanks for coming so promptly. I know you're in the middle of the Gustavo Mustachio case.



Approximately eighteen pages ago, an explosion rocked the Science Factory down on Electric Avenue!



GOOD GOLLY, Eighteen pages! Has it really



Anyway! You're our agents nearest that location... Or, you were, before I ordered you to come here... But you will be AGAIN, once you get back there!







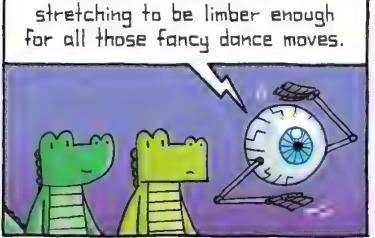








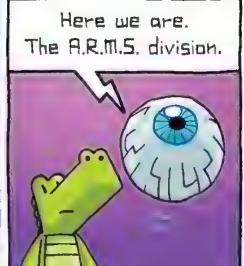




Indeed! It takes a lot of





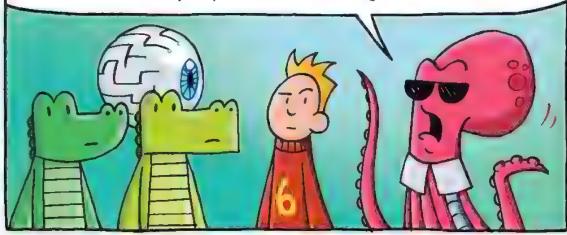




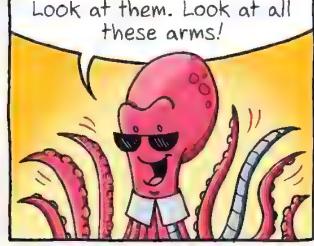




NO! No, no. NOT six. The S is for SVEN! I am Sven Septapus, lead designer of A.R.M.S.

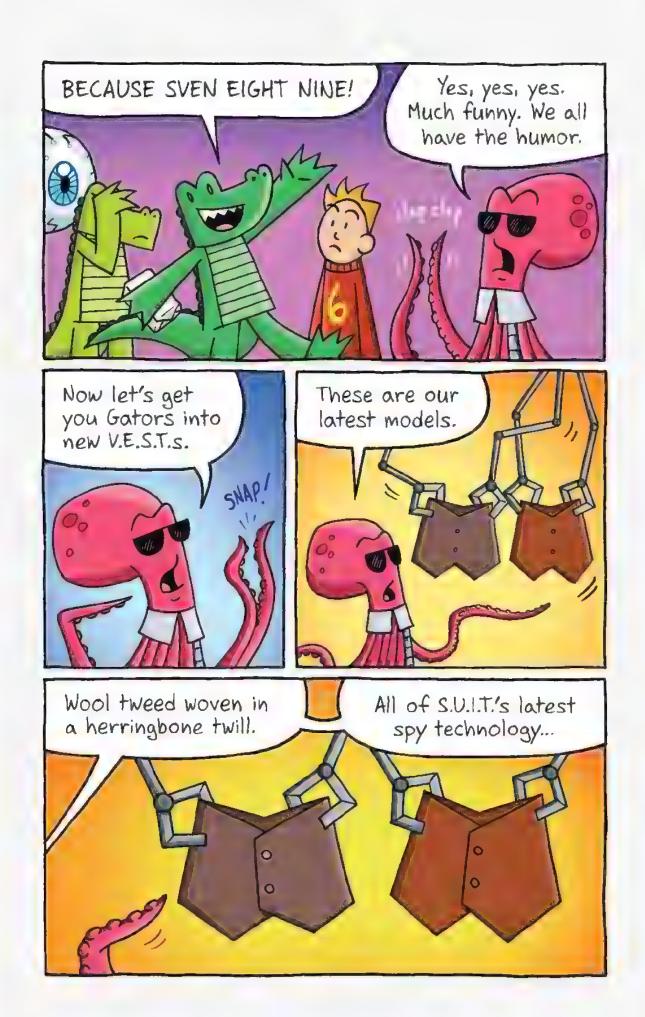


I also have the MOST arms. Look at them. Look at all these arms!











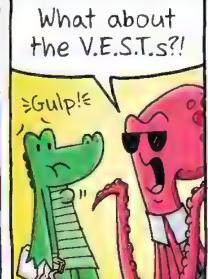










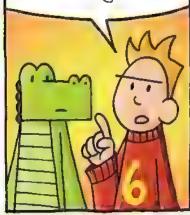


Does it come in blue? Blue would really bring out the color in my eyes.

Mango, your eyes are just two little black dots like mine!



Mine too. I blame the artist for being LAZY.









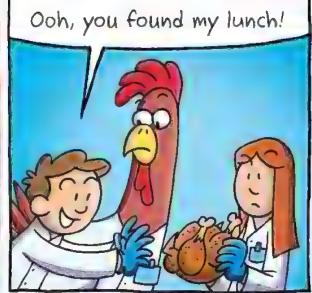


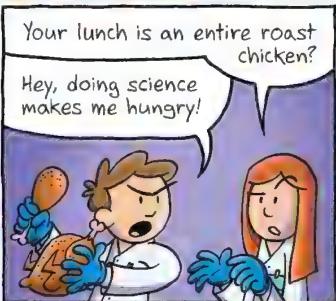
















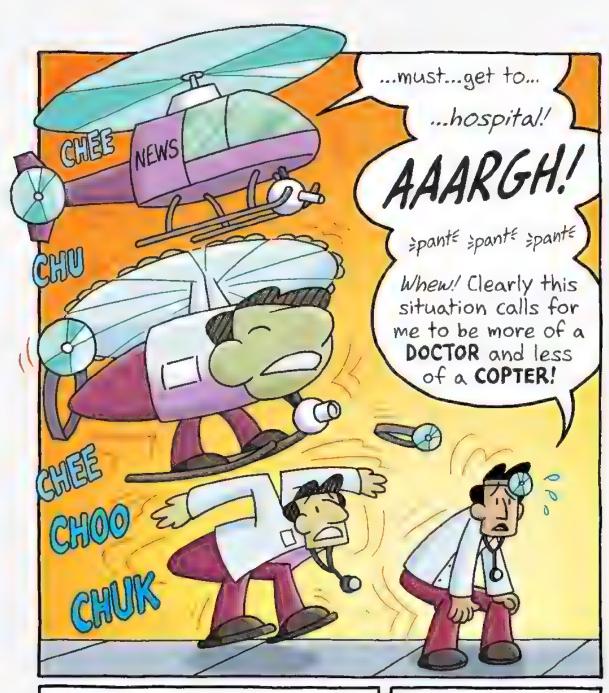






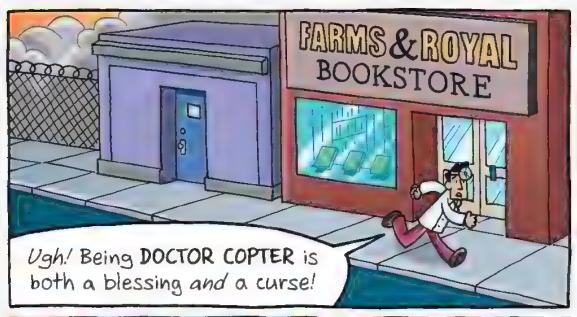




















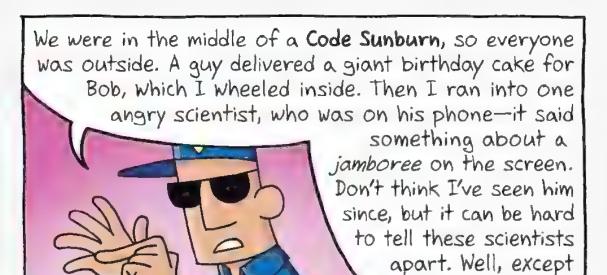












Oh, and the only serious injury seemed to be to the Head Scientist, who was just taken away in an ambulance.



Thanks, security dude. Keep up the good work.

for the chicken.







Mango, you see what clues you can dig up inside. I'll talk to everyone out here.

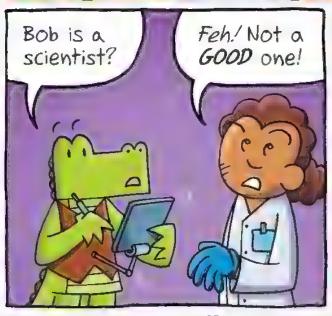




SCIENTISTS! My name is Brash. I'm an Investigator from S.U.I.T. Is everyone all right? Anyone unaccounted for?







He's only been here, like, a week, and already no one can tolerate him.



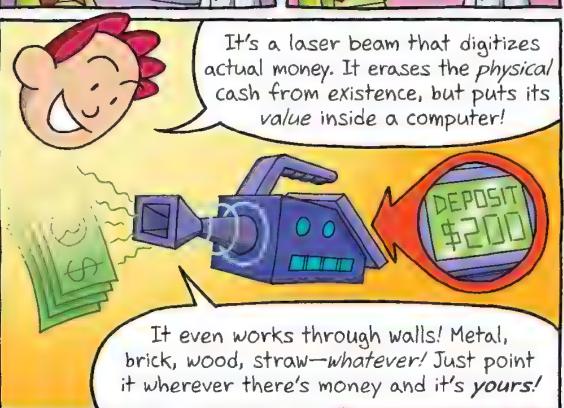


No. We have experiments blow up here all the time, but nothing like this! It was all, KABLOOEY!!

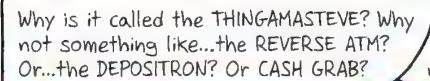




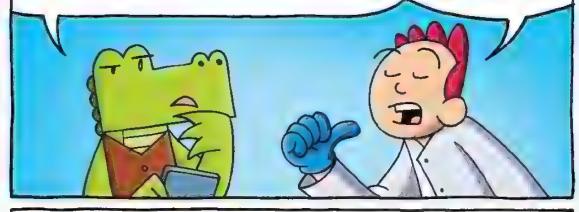




It basically transfers money from the real world into any bank account you want—preferably a high-interest savings account.

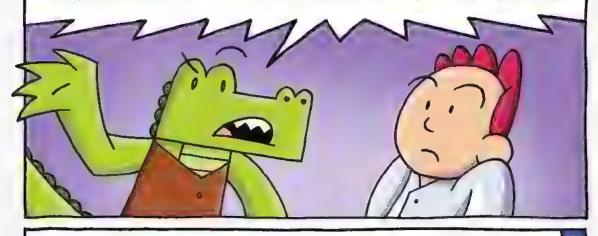


Hey, we're scientists, not writers.

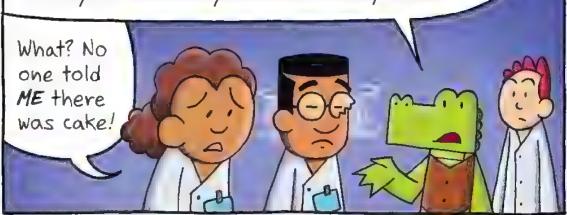


Well, I can see why you'd want to keep such a powerful tool safe. Pretty odd that you were going to

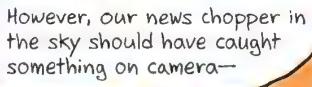
## ANNOUNCE IT TO THE WORLD ON THE NEWS!



AAAANYWAY... You said you haven't seen Bob since the explosion. Could he have taken the device? Did anyone have any of his birthday cake?

















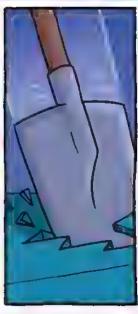




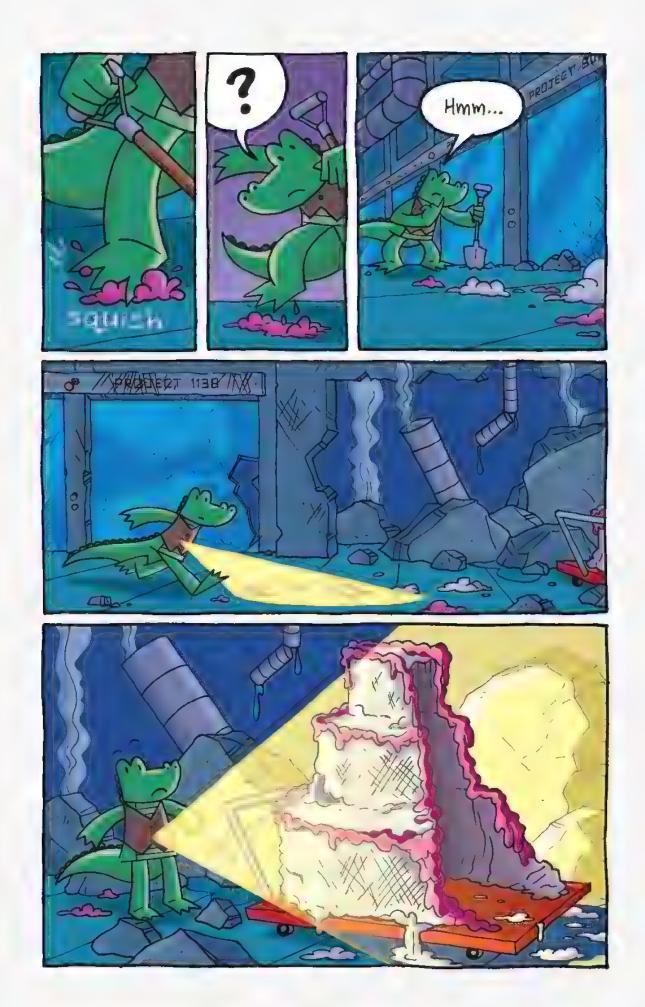




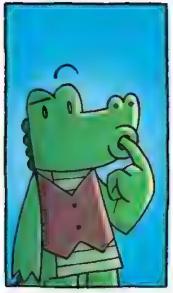














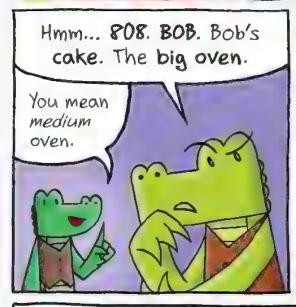




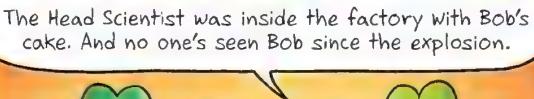


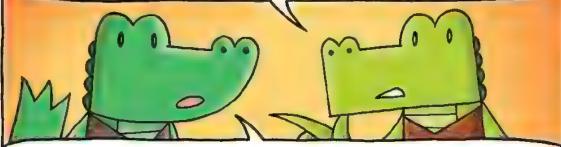






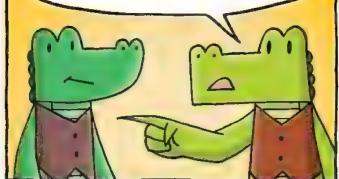






What if Bob used the cake to sneak in an accomplice? If so...the Head Scientist may have seen them! And wherever that person went, the cake crumbs should lead to them.

Mango, I'm going to talk to the Head Scientist at the hospital. You follow the trail of cake crumbs.







It's a good thing we baked chocolate microchips into the cake. I can track them with my V.E.S.T.!











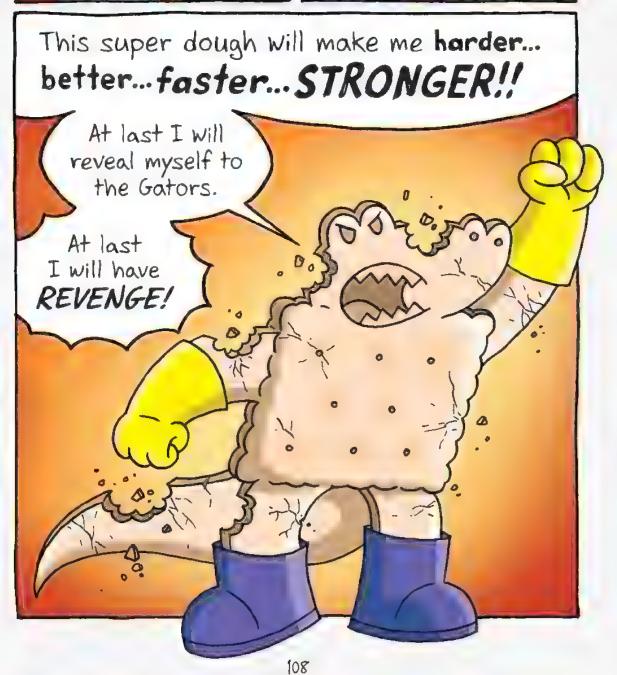
















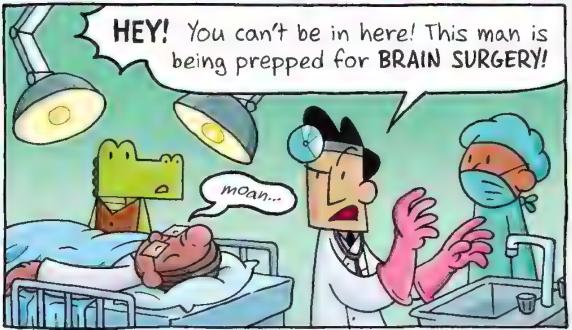


















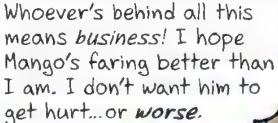


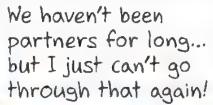
















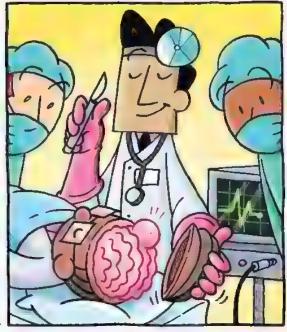




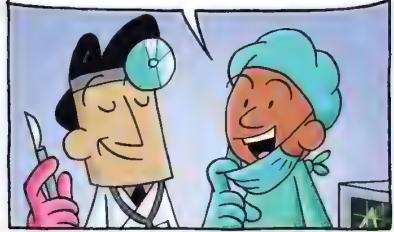




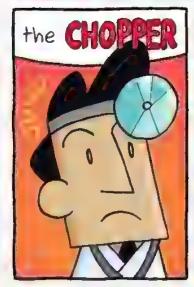


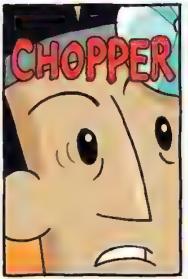


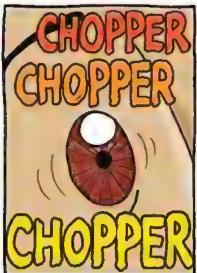
WOW! You really know how to chop a guy open! They should call you...





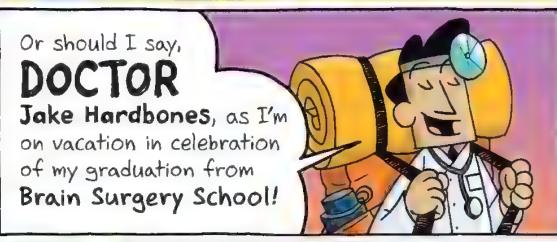






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Pick their brains! HA HA! Now that I'm a brain surgeon, I finally know what that means!







Hello! I'm not from around these parts. This seems like a place with tales to tell.







Even *more* moons ago...
travelers came to this
quaint village on a
MACHINE from the SKY!

It was a helicopter.

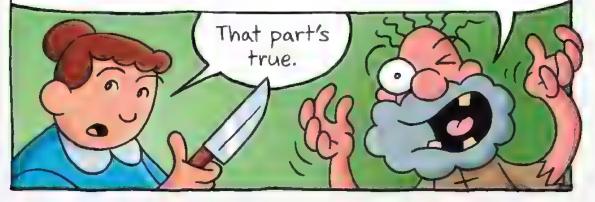


These beings PROBED our minds with their technology!

It was a news crew filming a piece on bed-and-breakfasts.



Hoping to chase them out of town, the local mystic CURSED their flying contraption with RABIES!







And SOME say it haunts the hillside waiting for victims to pass its curse on to.







































Not just a doctor anymore. You're a WERE-COPTER now.



That machine's curse is coursing through your veins. And that's bad news. Now, whenever there IS news, you will be forced to transform into a news copter to report on it.

You have become...



## ...DOCTOR COPTER!







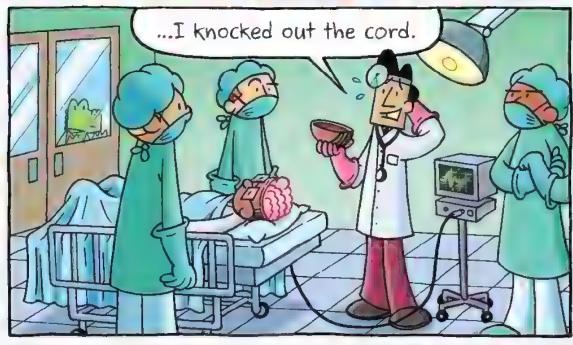
## DOCTOR! The patient



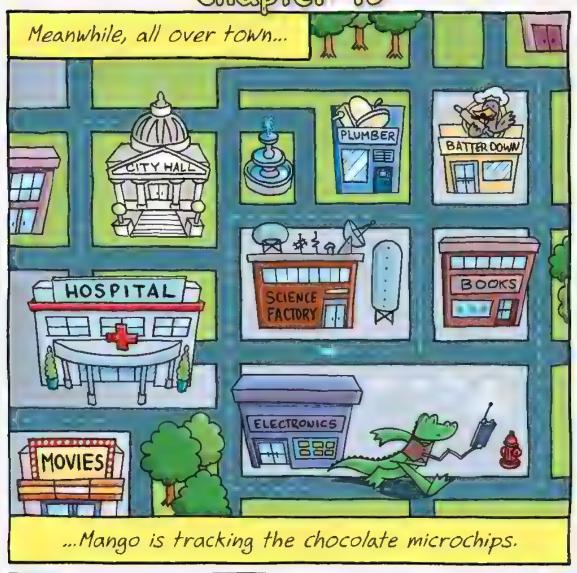








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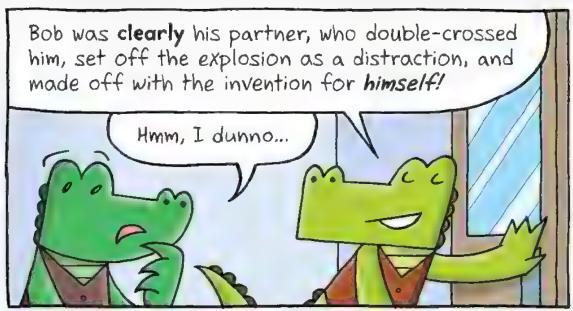








Bob?











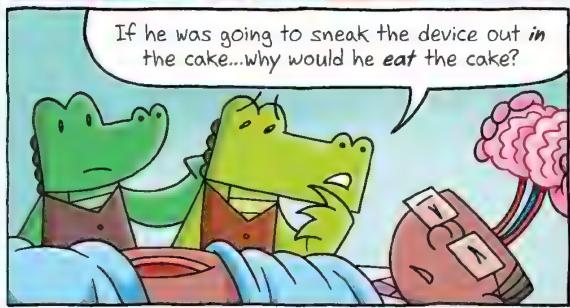


It's true! According to his ID, today's not his birthday!



And look! I sliced him open, and found a slice of cake!







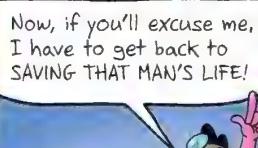












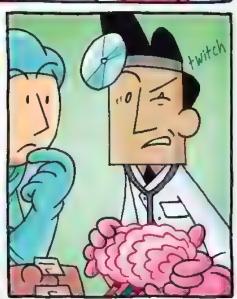
















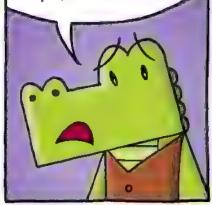
Mango... This investigation has me worried that something bad is going to happen.



Brash, we're partners. I trust you with my life. So whatever you think will happ—

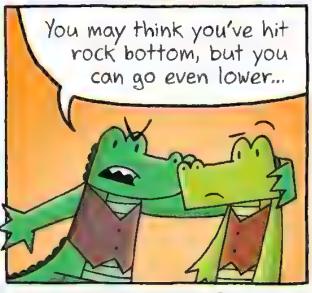
Mango.

The last time I went undercover at a bakery... my partner...















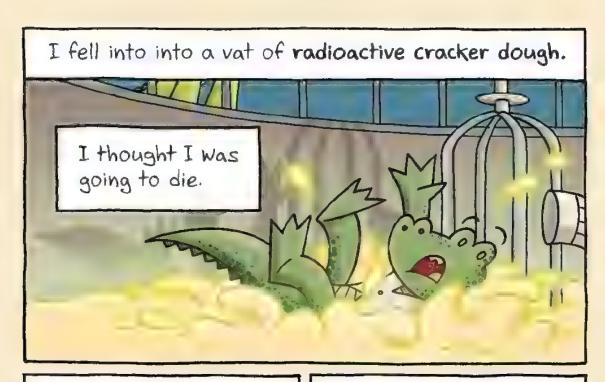


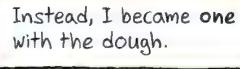
I wasn't always a tasty treat. But I always had a taste... for JUSTICE.

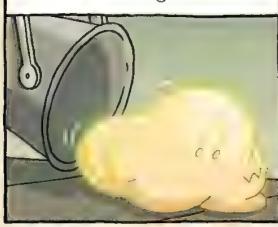


I was once a good guy, Gustavo. A crocodile named Daryl. But then...a catastrophe changed all that!

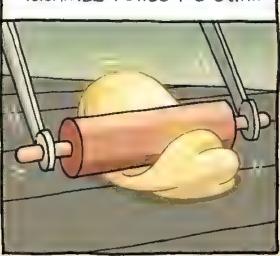




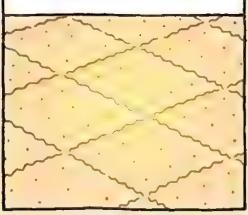




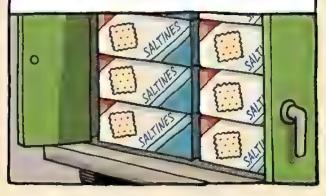




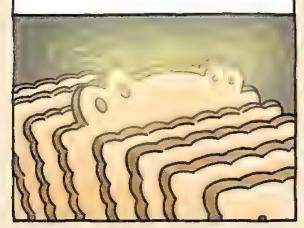
... and baked me into individual saltines.



Then I was packaged, put on a truck, and shipped off to who knows where.



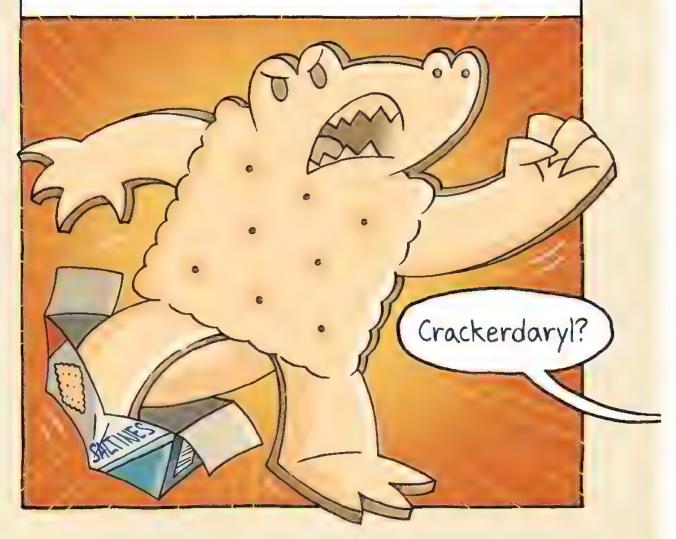
Inside the box I felt myself growing, thanks to the radiation.

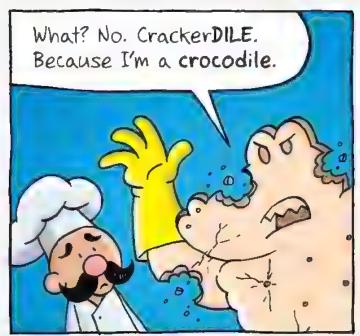


Or maybe it was the rapid-rise yeast.



I combined with all the other me crackers and BURST through that vacuum seal, forevermore to be known as—



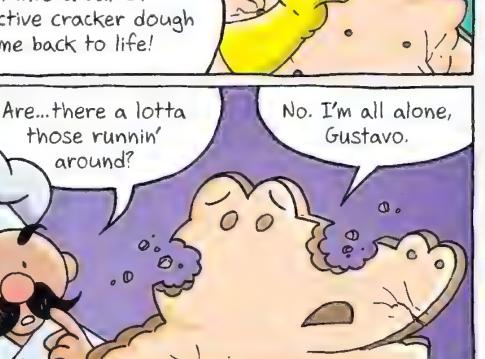


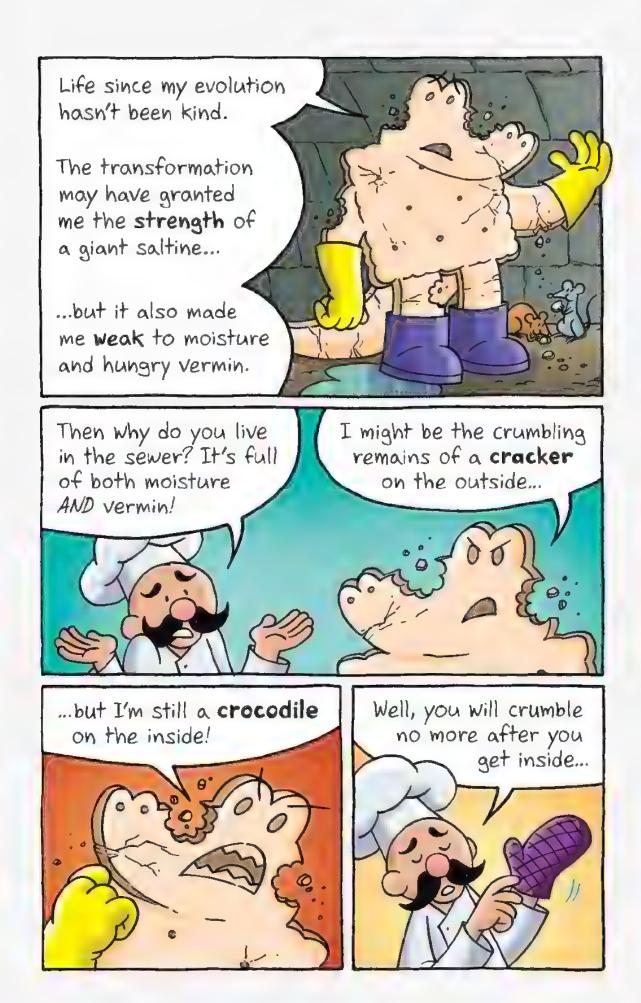


But no! If I went by CrackerDARYL, someone might recognize me by the name.

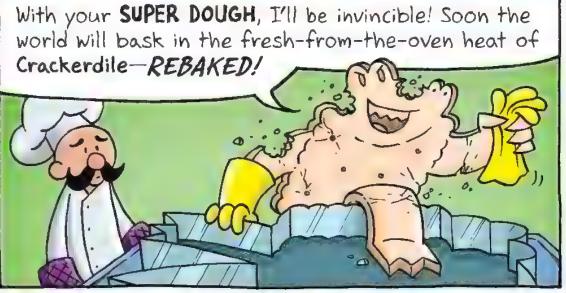
As CrackerDILE, I could be ANY crocodile who fell into a vat of radioactive cracker dough and came back to life!

> those runnin' around?



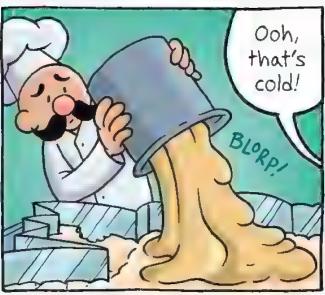




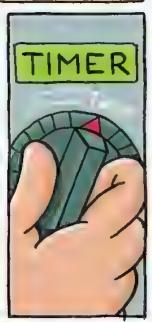




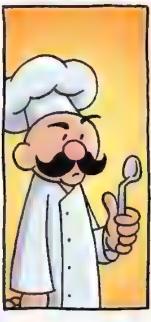




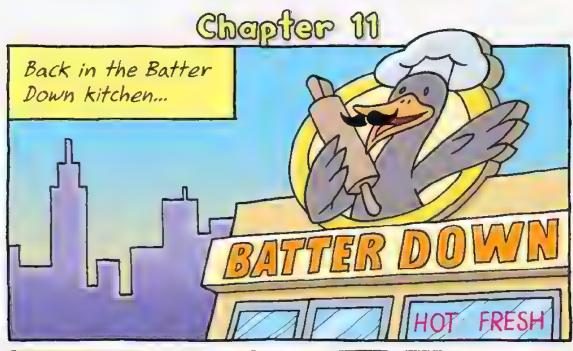






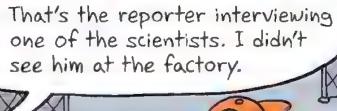




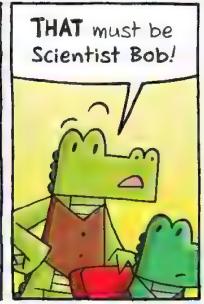


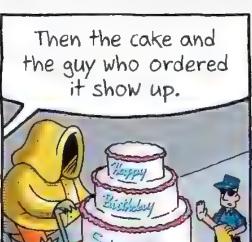












Now that I think about it, why was he in a raincoat when the sun was out?



And then the guard wheels the cake inside.























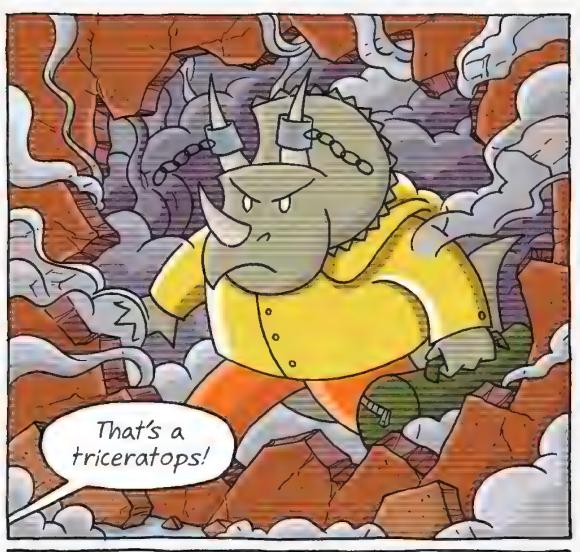










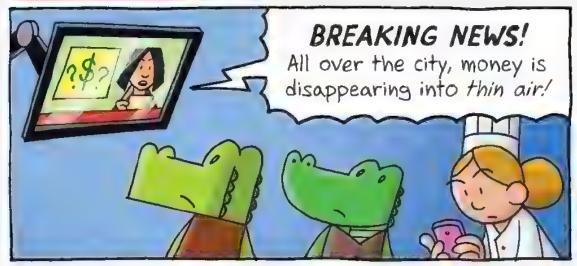


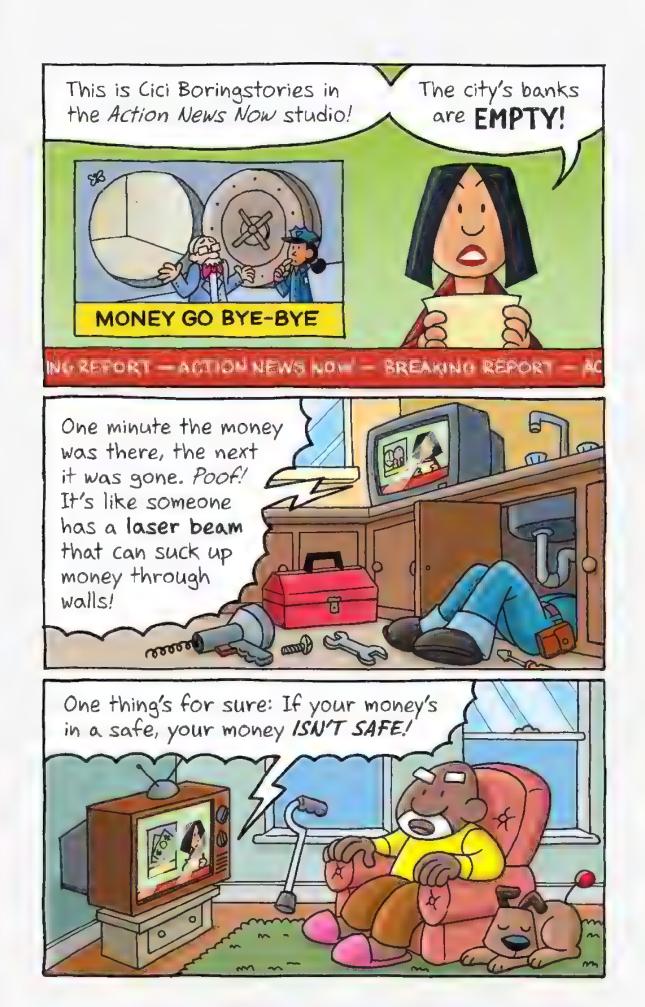






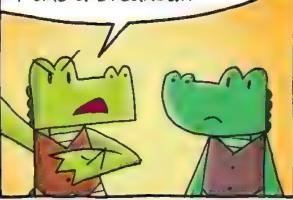




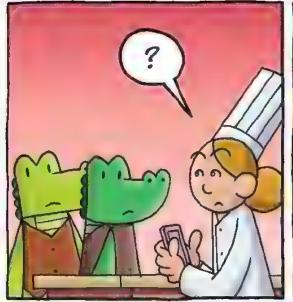




With that scientific breakthrough, Houdino doesn't even need to break in to make a breakout!







OH! Uh... Which one of you is pretending to be Gustavo this time?







You're in cahoots with Scientist Bob!





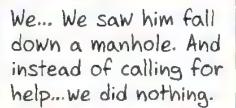
We have, like, SO many ovens. You can't expect me to notice if one is missing.







I know nuttin'
about no Houdino!
And Gustavo... It was
just an accident!
Honest!





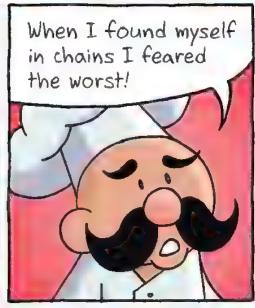


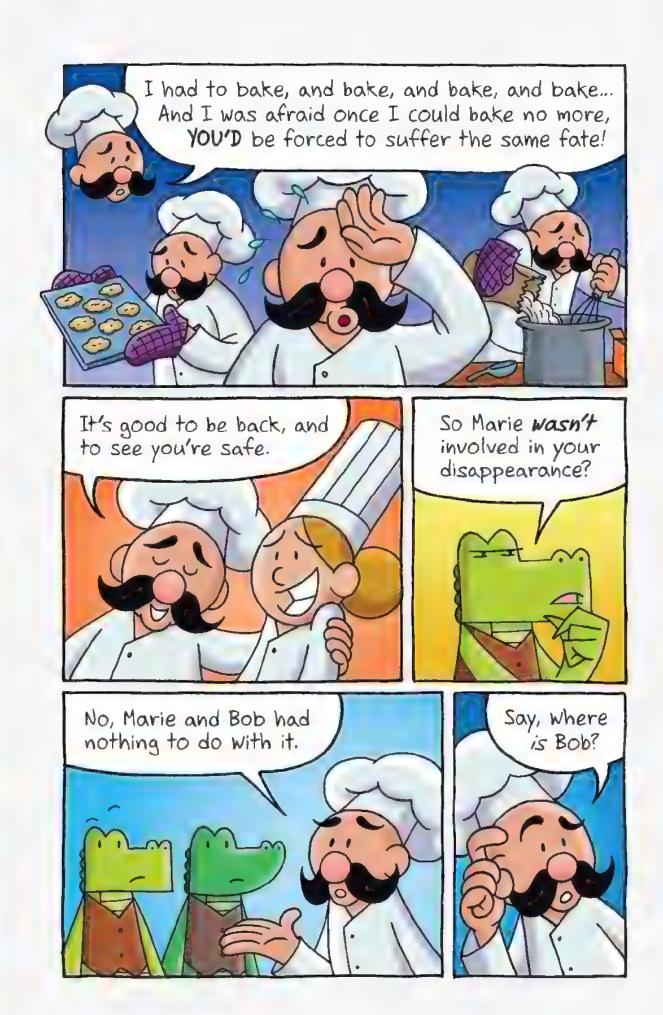












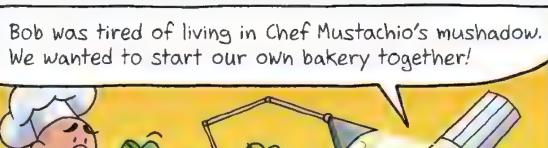






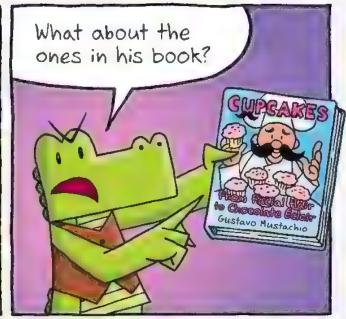




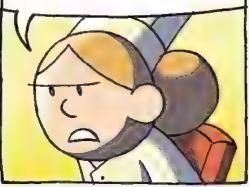


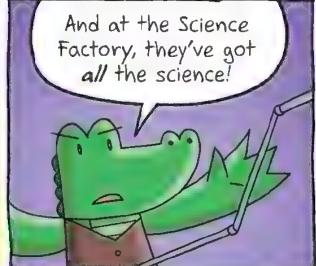




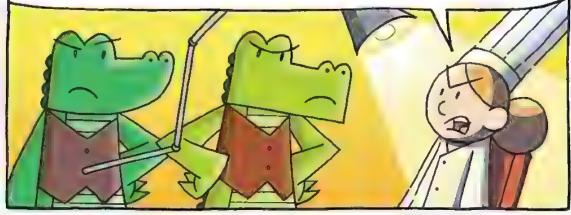


That book only goes up to ECLAIR! There are twenty-one more letters' worth of recipes after that! The only way to figure out Gustavo's secret recipes is to reverse engineer them! But that takes more science than we had available to us here.





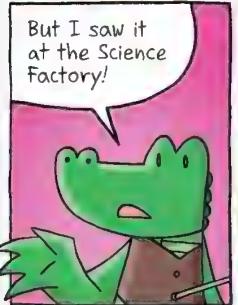
THAT'S RIGHT! When Bob and I saw Gustavo fall down that manhole, it was the perfect opportunity to put our plan into action. We didn't think he was missing. We just thought he was stuck in that hole.



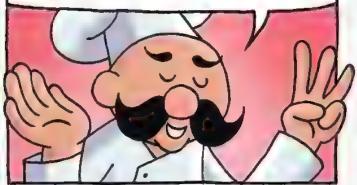








The Bakemeister 2000? It's one of the three best ovens on the market! You can cook up almost ANYTHING in there.



I'd be surprised if the Science Factory didn't have at least one of their own.

So...was Bob
working with
Houding or
what?

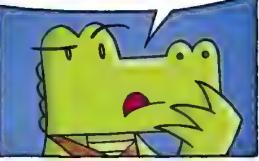




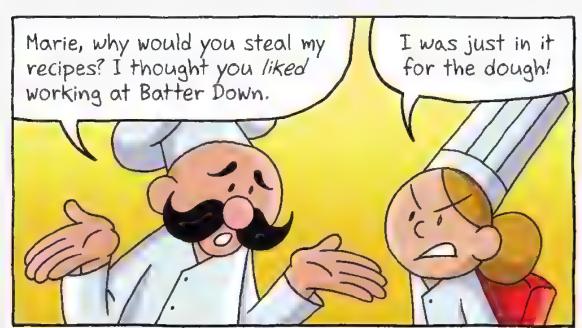




WHICH MEANS...the connections between Gustavo's disappearance, Bob and Marie's recipe thieving, and Houdino's cake shenanigans...

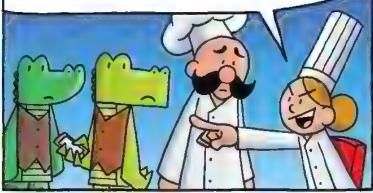








And you bumbling gators will never catch Senior Assistant Baker Bob! He's too smart for you!



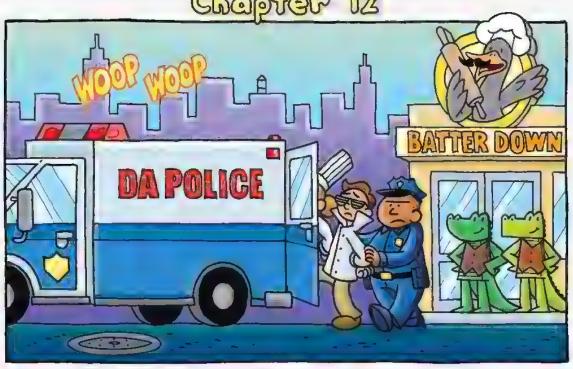


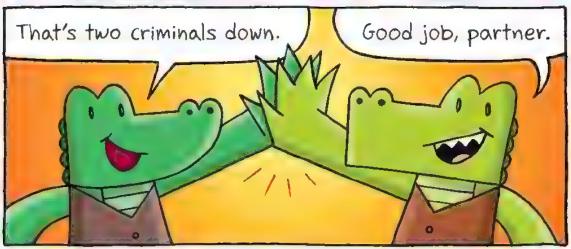




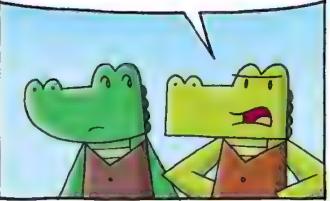


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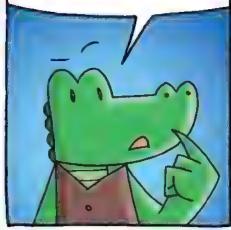




Now we've got to figure out how to catch Houdino before he robs the entire city!



That triceratops will be hard to find.





But what he couldn't escape were low ticket sales. So he turned to a life of crime—mostly bank robbing. He won't pass up a steal, and can't pass up a deal.

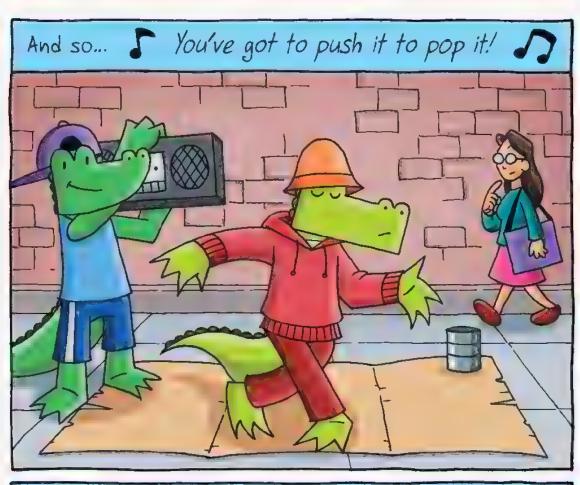


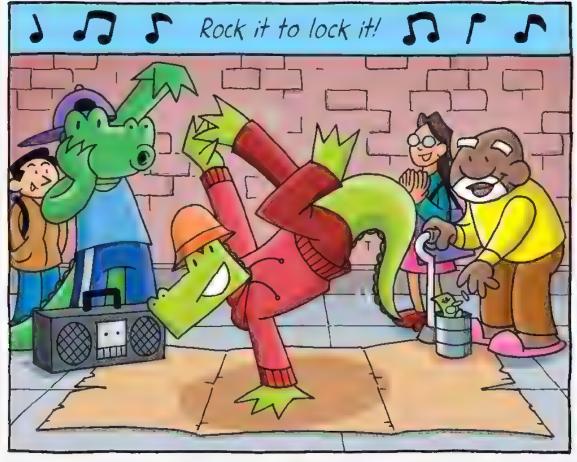
There is no vault that can stop him, and no cell that can hold him. Houdino likes to break in, break out, and BREAKDANCE.

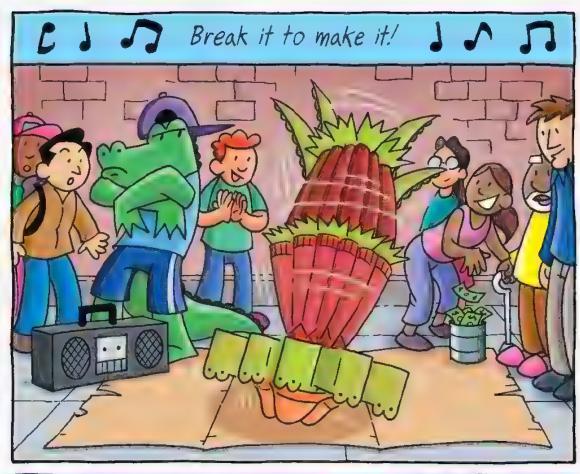








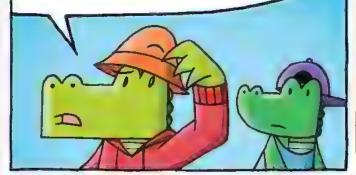








Huh. I guess those hot, fresh moves Inspector Vogue taught us weren't enough to get Houdino's attention.



Well, at least we made some money—





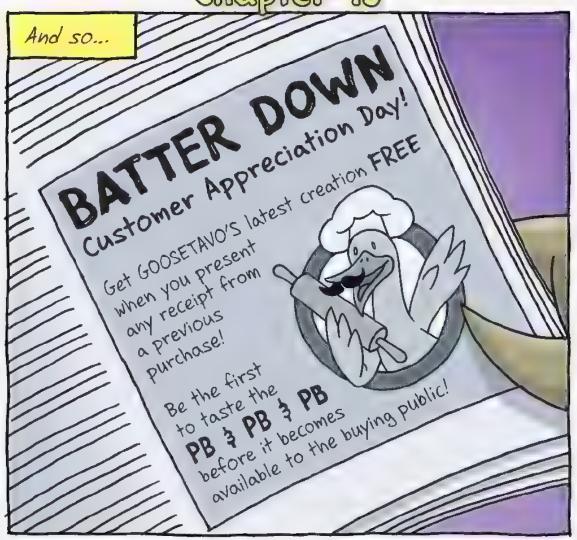
Houdino must have taken it with that money-ray thing!







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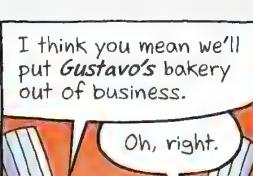














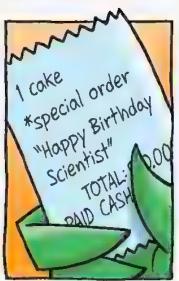




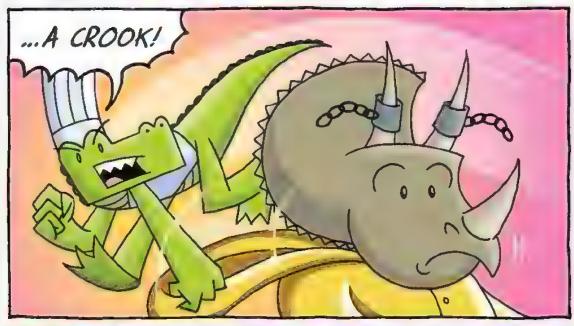


















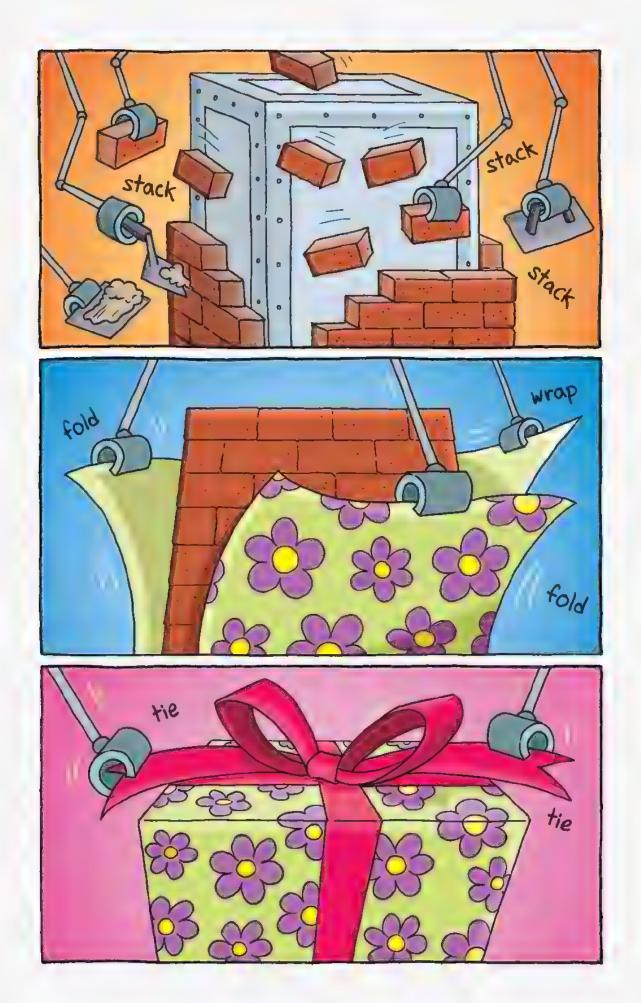


I didn't. But when I saw on the news that all the scientists at the Science Factory were outside, I knew that place would be easy pickin's. There's ALWAYS some contraption that can be used for evil at the Science Factory!

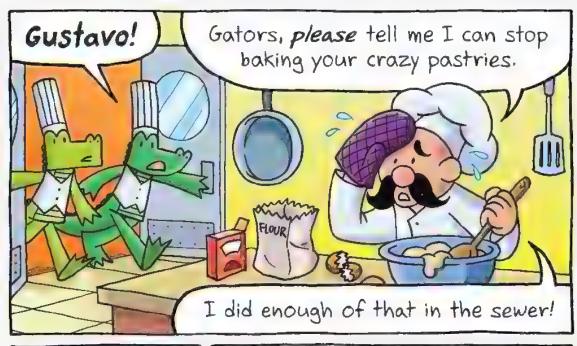




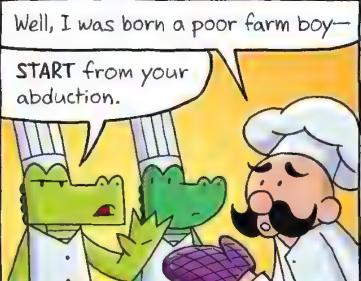






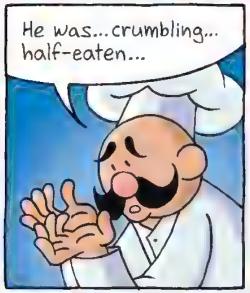




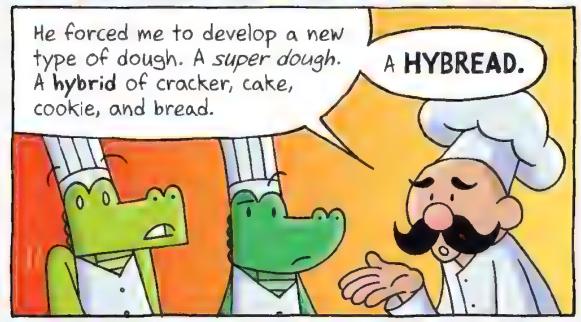


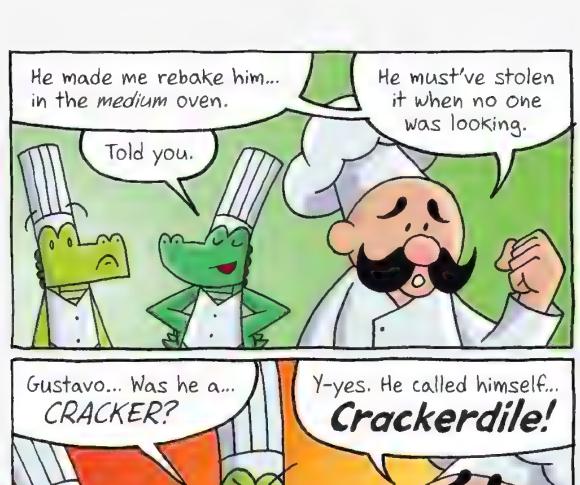


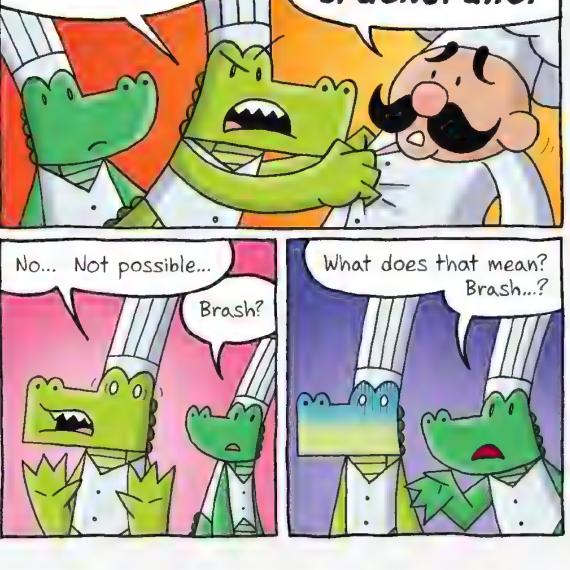


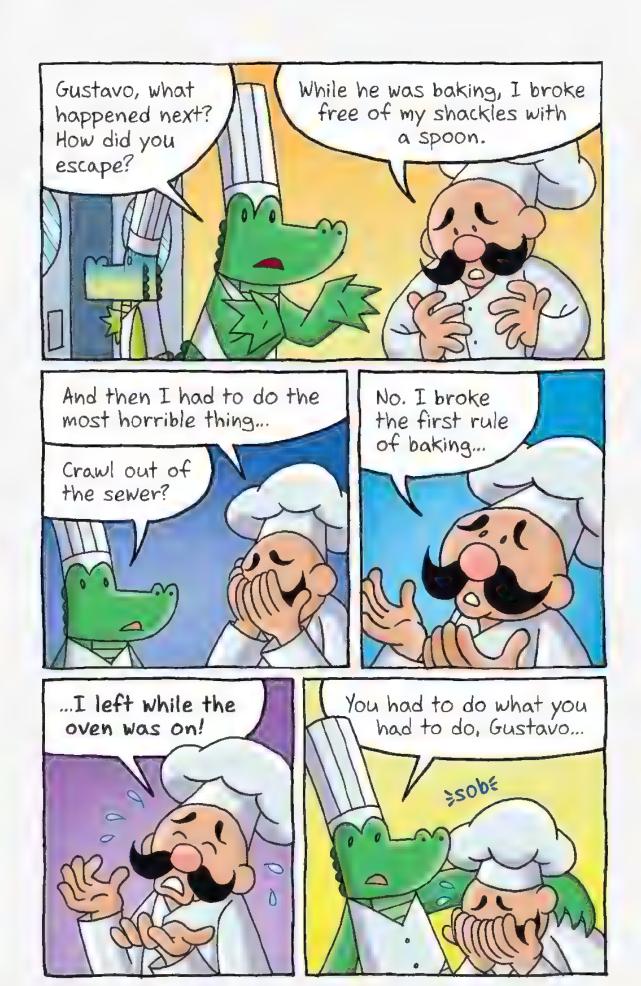








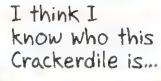
















His name was Daryl. He was S.U.I.T.'s top agent! I learned so much from him in our time together.

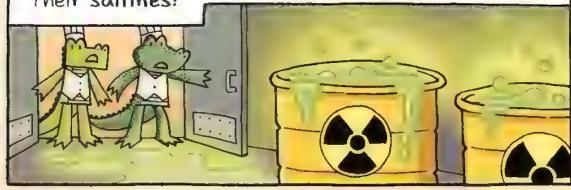


Our assignment was supposed to be easy as pie.

Daryl was going to retire. It was his last mission.

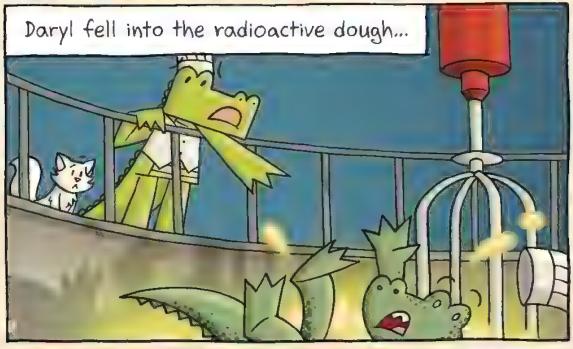


We were cracking down on a cracker company that was disposing of nuclear waste by baking it into their saltines!





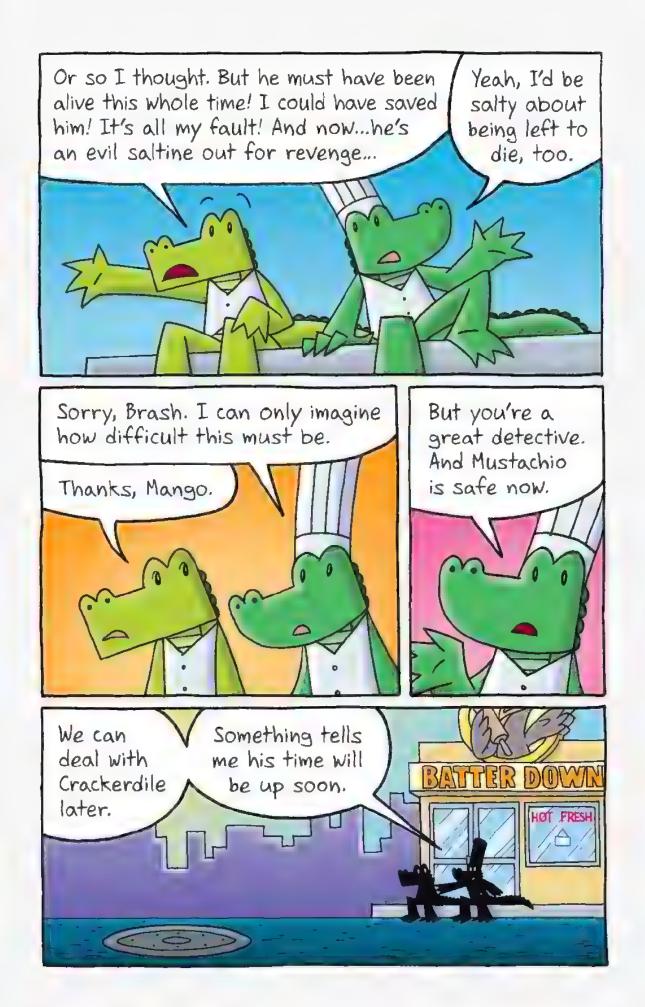




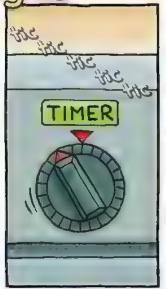


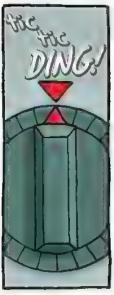


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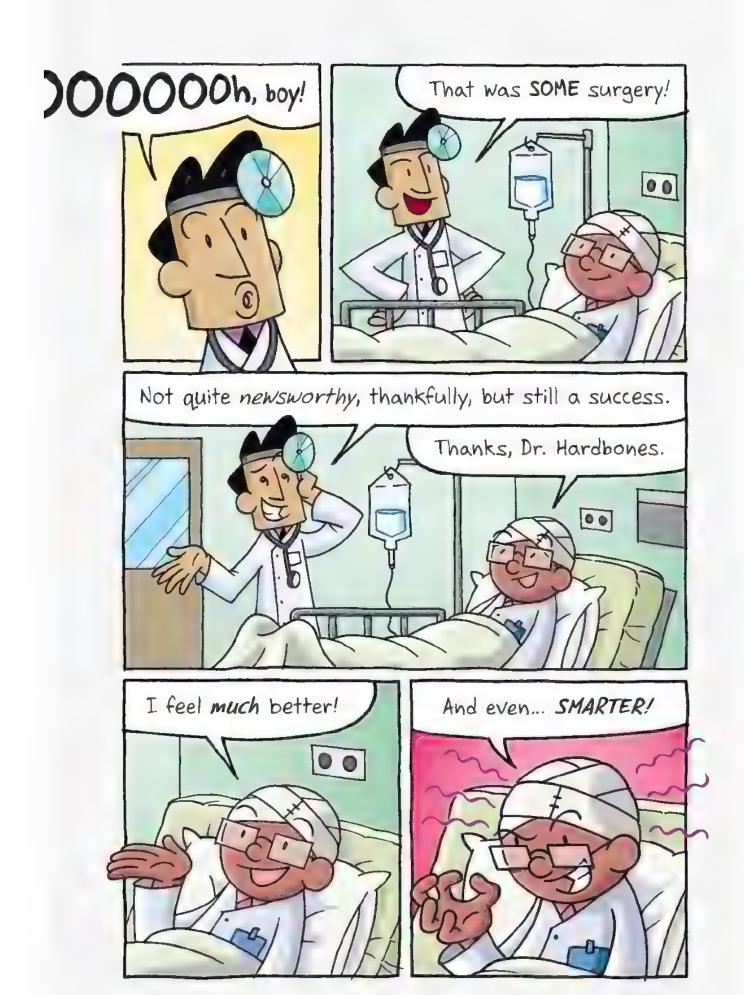


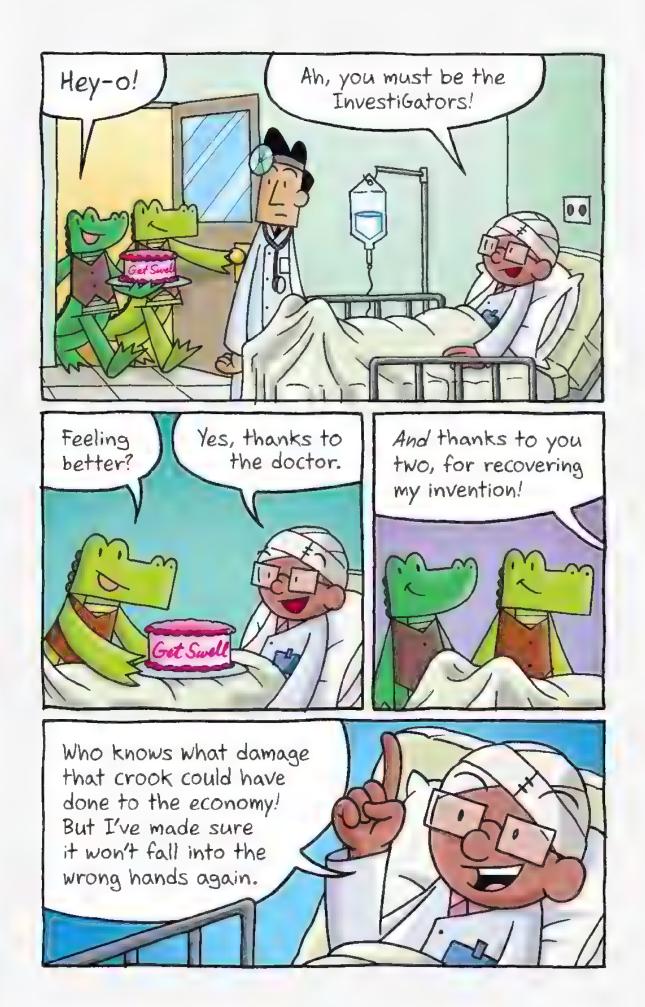
















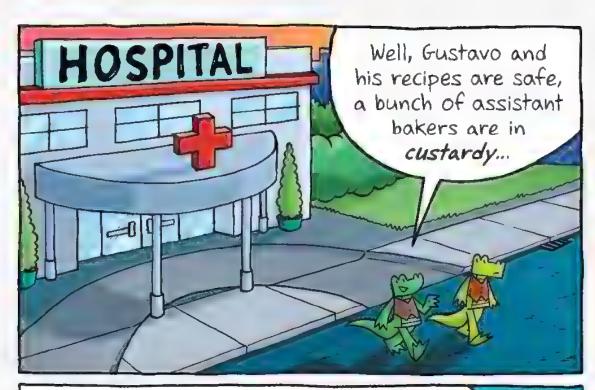


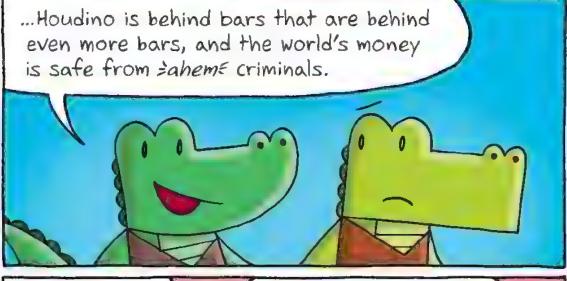
















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#### How to draw MANGO & BRASH

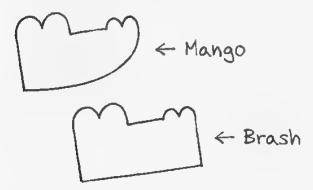
- 1. Draw two arches that sort of look like a bird with long, droopy wings.
- 2. Add a short line for the top of the snout.
- 3. Draw two smaller arches for the nose.



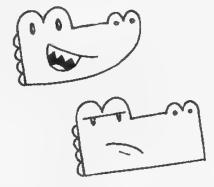


4. Make a line at the back of the head, and for Mango draw a curved shout connecting his neck to his nose.

If you're drawing Brash, give him a rectangular snout.



5. Add details like eyes, nostrils, and neck ridges. Give them expressions with their mouths and eyebrows!

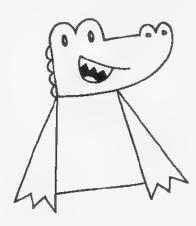


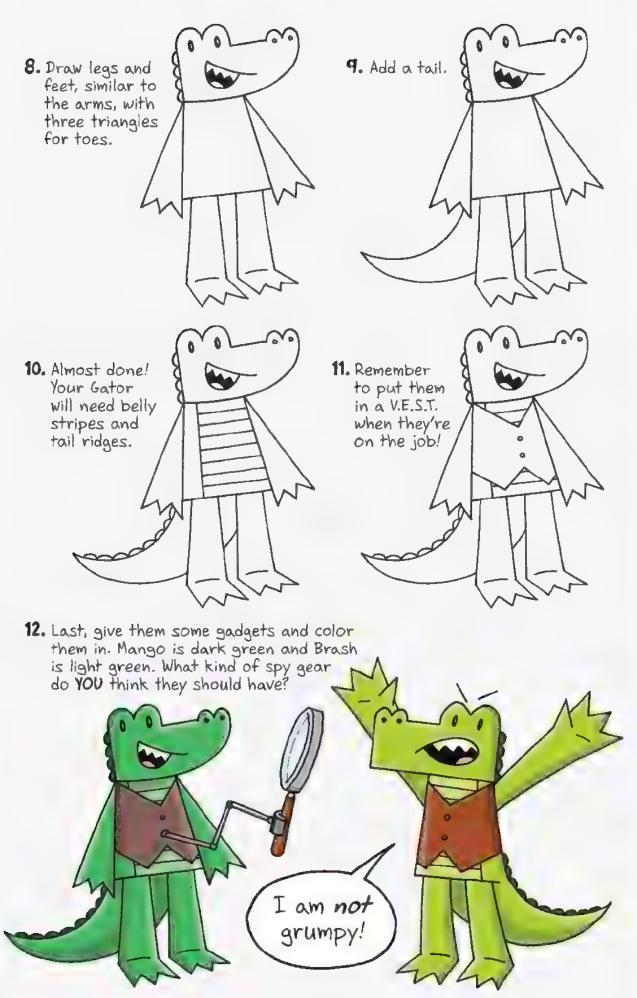
6. Mango and Brash have identical bodies. Let's draw Mango's, because Brash looks grumpy!

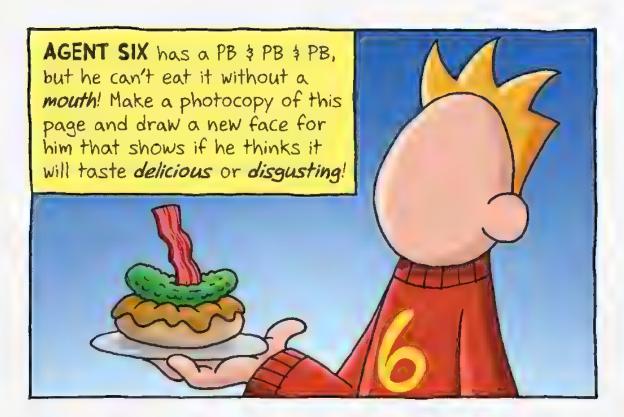
Draw a slightly crooked box shape for the torso.



7. Next, add arms, with little triangles at the ends for fingers. The Investigators usually have three, or four if we can see their thumbs.



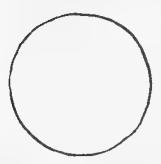




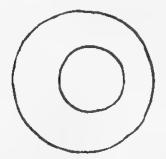
### How to draw C-ORB

\*Computerized Ocular Remote Butler

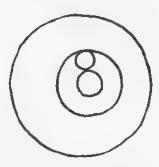
1. Draw a circle.



2. Draw another circle.



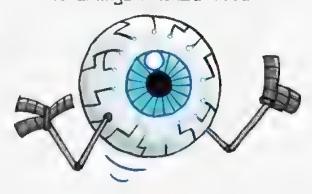
3. Draw two more circles!

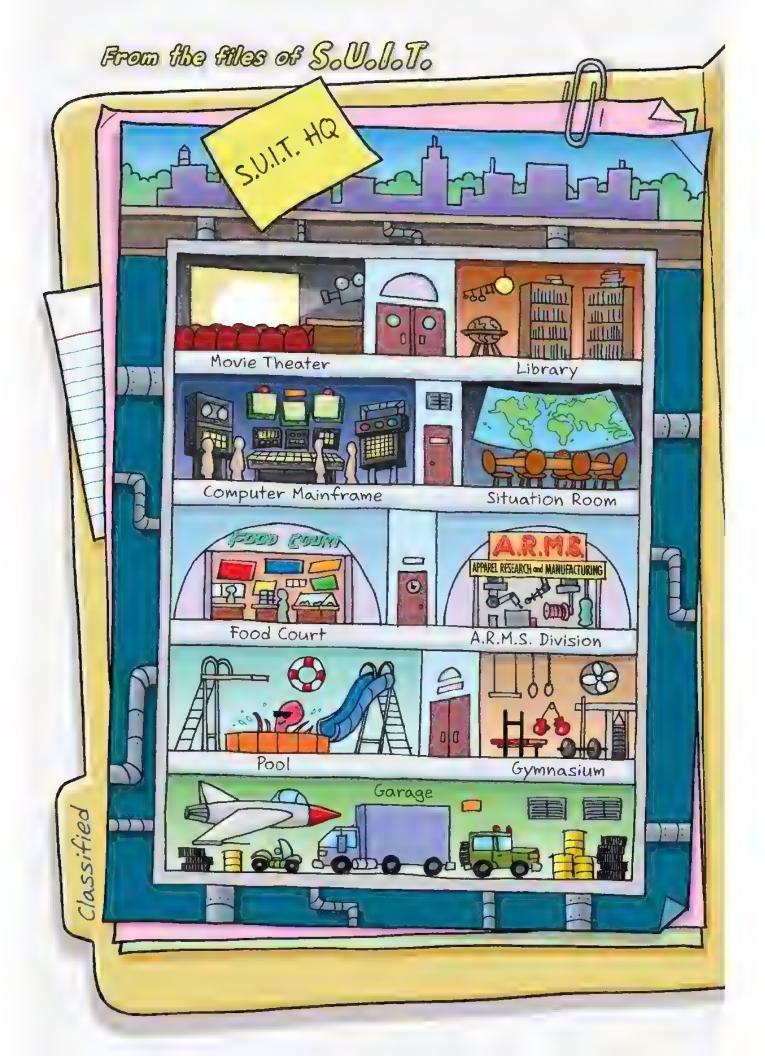


4. Draw details like circuitry and iris lines. Add little swooshes to indicate C-DRB is floating.

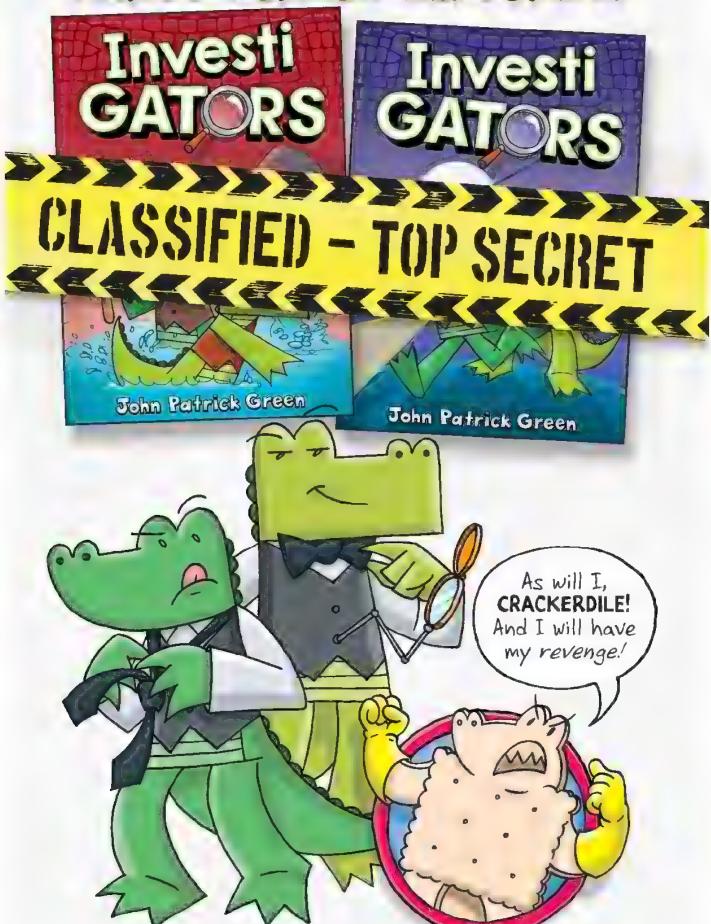


**5.** Give C-ORB arms and color if you like. Use different colors to change C-ORB's mood!





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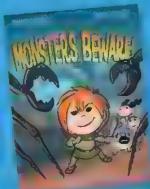
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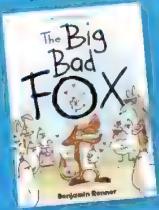
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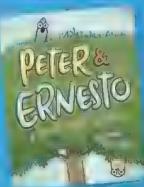
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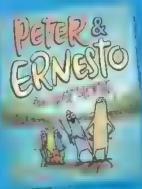
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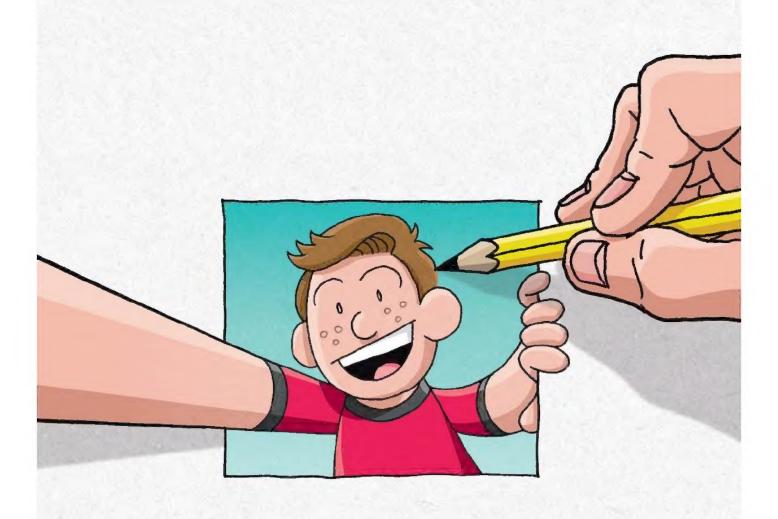
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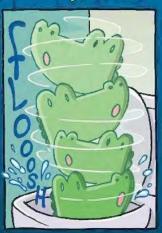




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